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Brakes put on taxi bylaw challenge

Vehicle tracking. Data being collected on city cab fleet from April 1 onward

City of Calgary officials have changed course a tad on a contentious taxi bylaw and averted a court challenge in the process.

Last year, city council voted through new oversight measures to track cab patterns, levels and regulations but Associated Cab President Roger Richard deemed the move "unreasonable." He later filed a legal challenge claiming requirements to install new technology would cost up to \$1 million.

However, Richard said this week he and the city have

found common ground and he's filed to suspend the challenge. The biggest compromise is taxi data will now only be provided a day after its collected as opposed to in real-time.

"If that works out, we have no problem," he said. "What they were initially proposing was just about impossible ... we're working together to make it work within reason."

Marcia Andreychuk, a business analyst with the Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee, confirmed a change to tracking practices was made.

"There's really no difference and there's no great benefit to getting the data any sooner than the next day ... the purpose of the bylaw is being met," she said.

The city has maintained the data will provide a clearer

picture of whether Calgary's cab fleet is adequate. Some officials, including Solicitor General Jonathan Denis, have warned that tougher legislation introduced last year against impaired driving would drive up demand for rides.

Sandy Jenkins with the Voters for Taxis consumer advocacy group hopes the focus will now shift to improving Calgary's cab-riding experience.

"The bottom line is, anecdotally, customer service just hasn't been that great in the taxi industry — that's not a new thing," he said, adding, "Hopefully the city can now make some better decisions."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

For a detailed breakdown of the now-in-effect taxi bylaw and potential changes it could lead to, head to page 4.



TUITION FREEZE ON ITS WAY

Following a meeting with the presidents of the province's 26 post-secondary institutions on Thursday, Thomas Lukaszuk, minister of advanced education, said Alberta's students can look forward to a complete tuition freeze. Story, page 8. METRO FILE

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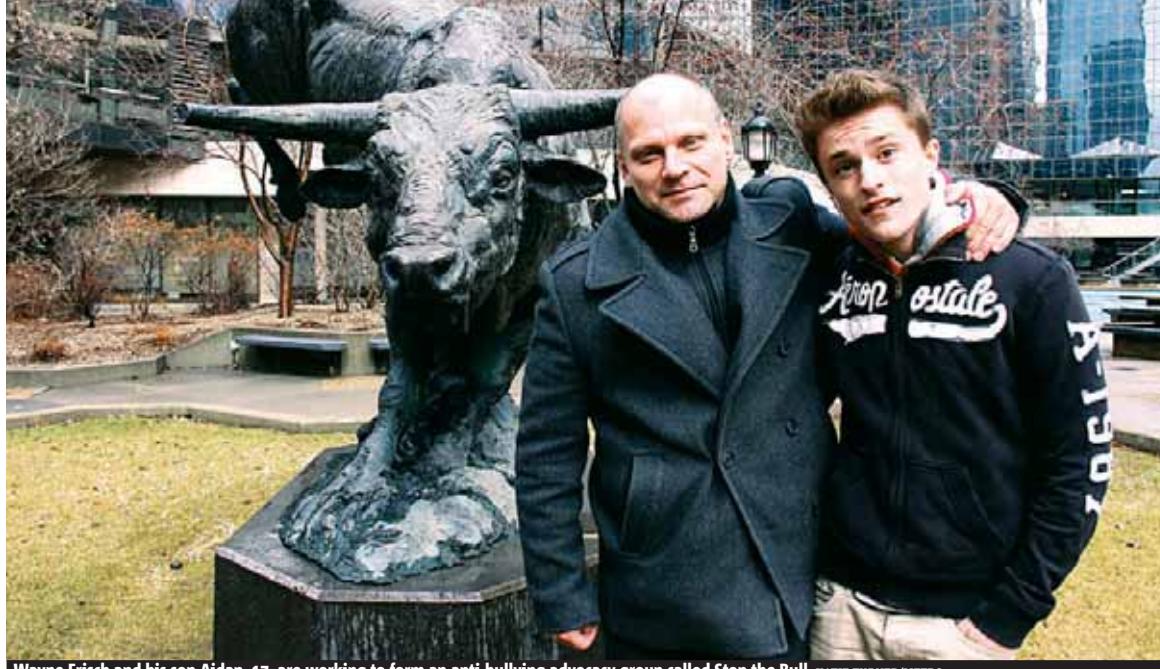
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Wayne Frisch and his son Aidan, 17, are working to form an anti-bullying advocacy group called Stop the Bull. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Calgary father steps up to Stop the Bull

Taking action.

Recent Nova Scotia teen suicide prompts advocacy group



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Yet another story about a young person taking their own life was the last straw for Calgary father Wayne Frisch.

After reading about the death of Nova Scotia teen Rehtaeh Parsons, 17, who was taken off life-support Sunday

following an attempted suicide, Frisch said he felt the need to do something.

Parsons was allegedly gang raped and then bullied by classmates when photos of the attack were circulated.

"I saw it in the news and decided (Wednesday) was the day to get it done," said Frisch, who launched Stop the Bull on April 10.

Frisch said he, along with the help of his 17-year-old son Aidan, are forming the advocacy group, which he says will review provincial bullying legislation, assess what's working and advocate for further legislation throughout Canada.

"It's to make sure that the provinces start getting these policies out ... and outing the politicians who are dragging their feet on it," he said.

Frisch had been considering taking action for some time after having to move his nine-year-old daughter from her school last year due to constant bullying. He said at one point, his young daughter had spoken about taking her own life.

"Something has to be done when you see numbers rising. This is a kid's life."

Prompted by his sister and his own experience, Aidan formed a group on Facebook

More info

- For learn more, visit stopthebull.ca or Twitter @StopTheBullCA
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where he and his friends give anonymous advice to their peers. He agrees further legislation is necessary.

"I find schools won't step in unless they have rules to guide them," he said.

Bullying. Airdrie exploring bylaw

Airdrie officials are eyeing measures to root out bullying in their city, including potentially establishing a law against such abuse.

It's expected administration in the town of nearly 50,000 residents will bring back options to city council by June's end, according to Mayor Peter Brown.

"It's bringing an awareness to the fact that it's going on and we need to stop it," Brown said Thursday. "More importantly, we need to provide the tools to people (who) are being bullied, so they can get help. I'm not sure that's always happening."

If Airdrie was to adopt an anti-bullying bylaw — and Brown made it clear that's only one option being considered along with other co-operative community initiatives — it would be in line with a handful of other Alberta municipalities that have drafted similar measures.

In the town of Hanna, for example, a bylaw passed last year allows RCMP to issue an initial fine of \$250 for verbal bullying and subsequent fines of up to \$1,000 for further offences. Beyond that, in more serious cases, an offender can spend up to six months in jail.

But Brown said his concern with bylaws like Hanna's is they're scarcely used. Even Airdrie's own public-behaviour bylaw, which came into effect in 2007, has not yielded a single fine, he said.

"Bottom line is if everyone steps up and does their part, in a small way, we can stop these things from happening in the future," Brown said. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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History of taxi plates in Calgary

Current number of taxi plates: 1,466

1986: Taxi plates capped at 1,311; however, not all plates were being used (estimates put the total number being used between 800-900).

1998: All plates were finally issued, the demand finally met with the cap.

2006: City council approves release of 100 accessible taxi plate licences.

2012: Another 55 accessible taxi plates are approved on the provision they work peak hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

Number of taxi licences

Recommendations to follow data

The Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee expects to have a full quarter-year's worth of data before it issues its annual recommendation on the number of available taxi plates in Calgary in July. **METRO**

Taxi-stand placements

Data-tracking could lead to shift in parking stands

Data tracking of areas where cab service is requested could lead the city to shift locations of its downtown taxi-parking stands. **METRO**



A taxi stand is seen in downtown Calgary. **METRO**

Drivers can be fined

Bylaw ensures all taxis on dispatch

The city passed a bylaw last June requiring all taxi drivers to be booked onto dispatch computers.

Drivers are still permitted, however, to be flagged down when not assigned to a trip. **METRO**

Taxi-tracking bylaw has 'ton of potential'

Cab conundrum.

Better use, distribution of city fleet meant to ease peak-hour service struggles



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Calgary taxis are now under the microscope.

City livery services and the Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC) expect to begin receiving daily data on cab service for all vehicles dating back to April 1 as dictated by a new bylaw approved by city council last year.

Eventually, the system will be automated, providing even

Quoted



"I think we need to give these changes time to work before we consider anything else."

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart

more up-to-date information, according to TLAC business analyst Marcia Andreychuk.

"It really remains to be seen what all the data will tell us, but certainly it's got a ton of potential," she said. "Really, it's not intended to be Big Brother against any particular driver or the industry, it's really intended to make improvements to service."

Taxi trouble

One taxi doesn't always mean one driver

- While the city has faced criticism for not issuing more than the 1,466 taxi plates currently available for use, analyst Marcia Andreychuk is quick to point out many cabs are "double-shifted," meaning they are run by one driver during the day

and another at night.

- In fact, there are currently 4,097 licensed taxi drivers in Calgary, or about 2.8 per plate.
- As well, Andreychuk said the city needs to only issue enough plates to support "overall demand," not just during peak hours.



Activities of taxi drivers are being tracked in hopes of finding efficiencies and getting a clearer picture of whether Calgary really has issued enough plates. **METRO**

Geofencing. City utilizes technology to track taxis

Calgary is utilizing geofencing technology to monitor specific high-use taxi zones, including downtown and the airport.

Patterns of individual cars can be tracked, which is espe-

cially useful in determining if drivers are taking dispatched trips and holding accountable those using 55 newly-issued plates, which are required to work peak periods. **METRO**

Feedback. Customers can file on city's website

Taxi customers can also now submit complaints and compliments about service through the Calgary.ca website.

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McConnell case. Justice minister mum on rumoured complaint to law society

Justice Minister Jonathan Denis won't comment on reports that a complaint is being filed against him with the Law Society of Alberta.

The CBC says the lawyer for Allyson McConnell, who was deported to Australia after serving time for drowning her children, intends to take the step over comments Denis made about the woman's case.

Denis, who is a lawyer, railed in public about the shortness of the McConnell's sentence. In Calgary on Thursday, he would not discuss the case

Rude awakening

Arrest made in Calgary B and E

After a couple awoke to find a man in their bedroom and chased him out of their northwest home, Calgary police say they've made an arrest.

The pair woke up at about 12:30 a.m. on Wed-

Rumour unconfirmed

- McConnell's lawyer, Peter Royal, did not return calls from The Canadian Press.

or the news report.

"I don't have any further comments on the issue," he said. "We filed the appeal and we'll continue with the appeal and look forward to what the Court of Appeal has to say."

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nesday to find a man had entered their home through a broken window. Police say it's unclear if he stole anything. Early that evening, officers responded to the area after reports of a man matching the description of the suspect.

Kristopher James Aubrey, 21, has been charged with one count of break-and-enter with intent. METRO

they could keep drinking at their seats, it would boost bar sales, which would help the theatre's bottom line. Plus, if nothing else, a glass or two of wine can make even the worst show seem at least OK.

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One of my favourite things to do in Calgary is to see shows. Whether it's a concert, a play, a dance recital, I'll pretty much go and see anything.

I once even went to a show with dancing horses. The point is, if it's on a stage, I'll do my best to see it.

Also on my favourite-things list, albeit a little further down, is drinking. I don't mean like Lindsay Lohan or — allegedly — the mayor of Toronto. But every now and then, I enjoy a nice glass of wine, some beer or even a sip of rye or three. Unfortunately, my love of culture and alcohol don't always go hand in hand, at least not in many theatres here in Calgary.

Over the past couple of

weeks, I've noticed just how difficult it is to go and see a show and at the same time enjoy a drink. While venues such as the Max Bell Theatre and Martha Cohen Theatre have opened their doors and bottles of wine to their patrons, there aren't many theatres that will let you bring your drink past those surprisingly strong ushers.

Many of my favourite drinks have been left in the lobby of some of Calgary's biggest theatres. I can still taste the Pinot I had to leave in the Jubilee lobby during *Billy Elliot*'s run, and I often think about the rye and Coke that was just a few minutes old at the Grand during a recent Decidedly Jazz show.

To me, it would make sense to let patrons bring their drinks to their seats, especially if the drinks are in plastic cups, as they are at Theatre Calgary or even on Broadway. Financially, I would think if people knew



Imagine how much more fun we'd all have if theatres let us sip our champagne in our seats instead of leaving it behind when the end-of-intermission bell rings.

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But Katherine Huising, director of the Jubilee Auditorium, says it comes down to "consistency and type of audience." Meaning that since the Jubilee sees a variety of shows, with a variety of audiences, it's best to be consistent and keep the drinking in the lobby. Which is why it offers London service, allowing patrons to preorder drinks for intermission.

In the coming months, some Cineplex theatres in Calgary will begin offering drinks in adult-only auditoriums, and as companies continue to fight to get people into their seats, I can't help but wonder how long it'll be before places like the Jubilee and the Grand follow suit, or at least let us bring coolers in. Because, let's be honest, coolers barely count as a drink.

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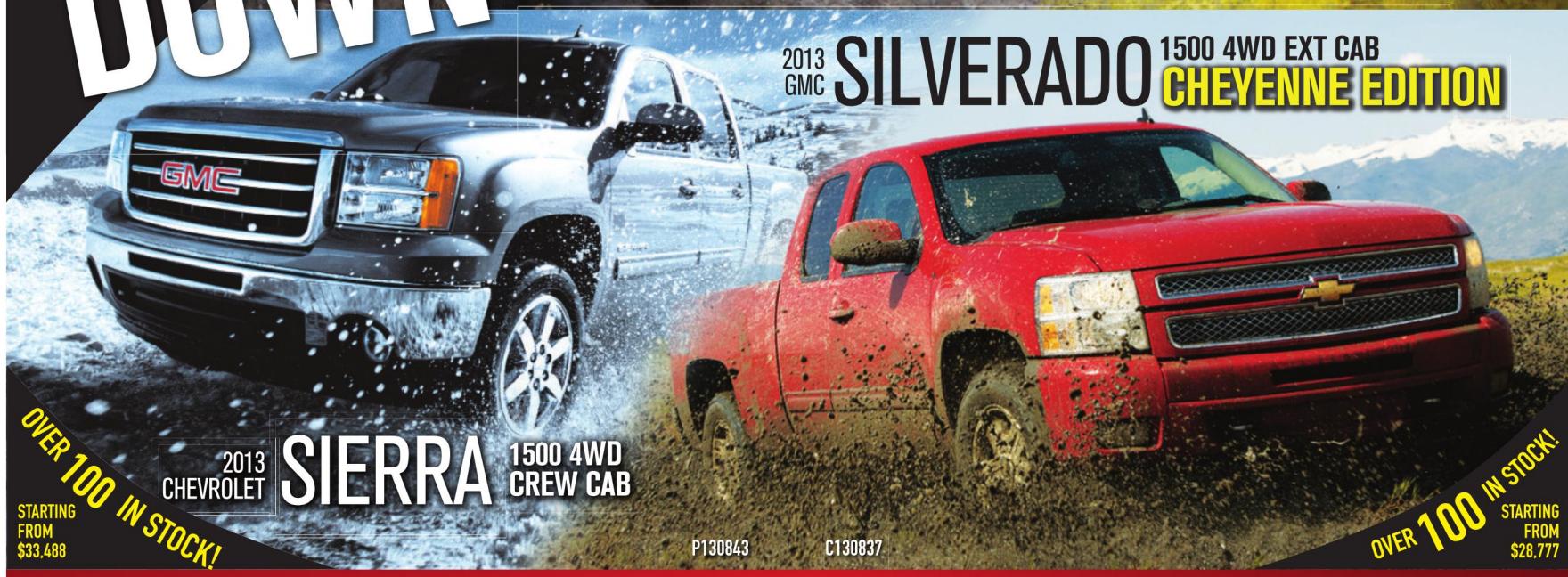
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Tuition freeze coming this fall

Post-secondary. No price hike for students, as the province will foot the bill, says minister of advanced education

 **ANNALISE KLINGBEIL**
Metro in Edmonton

Students at the province's post-secondary institutions will not face a fall tuition increase or even an inflationary adjustment, the minister of advanced education said Thursday.

The money schools were expecting to earn from students via the annual inflationary adjustment — estimated by the province to be around \$16 million total for all 26 schools — will instead be made up by the province.

"The department has funds set aside for purposes like

these that we're going to use to make up that shortfall," said Eldon McIlwain, a spokesperson for Advanced Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk.

The news that the province would foot the bill for the inflationary adjustment came after Lukaszuk spent Thursday meeting with the presidents of Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

Following the lengthy meeting, a smiling Lukaszuk said it was a "win-win-win across the board."

"(It's) a great day for students," Lukaszuk said.

In addition to agreeing that there would be no tuition increase for students or inflationary adjustment, Lukaszuk said all presidents agreed to urge students' unions not to increase the annual fees paid to them.

From now on the presidents of the province's 26 post-secondary institutions, as well as representatives of stu-

Successful meeting

- Thomas Lukaszuk said the presidents of the province's post-secondary institutions met with him Thursday morning, then he left them alone to discuss matters on their own. He returned to the lengthy meeting in the afternoon.
- Indira Samarasekera, president of the University of Alberta, said Thursday's meeting was, "the first step in a win-win-win."

dent bodies, will be meeting quarterly.

Elizabeth Cannon, president of the University of Calgary, said there was a lot of willingness at the meeting from all of the presidents to move forward together.

"I think it was very constructive," she said.



University of Calgary president Elizabeth Cannon has said students can expect much of the same in terms of program offerings and services this fall but that the institution will have to make some changes in future years. METRO FILE

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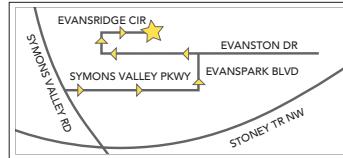


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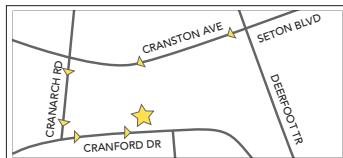


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Owner of Roast Coffee and Tea Co. Nez Hewitt, right, and manager Shane Murphy said they were excited to jump on board with the suspended-coffee trend. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Cowtown getting 'suspended coffee'

Good brewing.
Customers pay for extra drinks, which are then gifted to others

At least one Calgary coffee shop is adopting a trend that sees customers pay it forward through a cup of coffee.

The concept of suspended coffee began in Italy and has recently made its way across the pond to North America. It's a simple premise where customers can buy a cup of java for themselves, then purchase an additional coffee, or coffees, which are then held and usually given to the less fortunate.

Nez Hewitt, owner of Roast Coffee and Tea Co. at Kingsland Farmer's Market said they recently adopted the concept but wanted to put their own spin on it.

"It puts a smile on people's faces and that's what we're all about," she said.

Hewitt said if customers buy an extra cup of coffee, they plan to give that coffee to those who look like they need their day brightened, along with a slip of paper asking the recipient to pass on the goodwill.

Roast manager Shane Murphy said he initially heard about the idea from a café owner in his hometown in Ireland and immediately loved the concept.

More cups of kindness

- Higher Ground in Kensington is considering implementing suspended coffee as well.
- Starbucks in the U.K. has committed to matching the dollar value of the suspended coffees to donate to charity.

"It's not limited to certain people, and I think that's the nice thing. It brings it back to the roots of pay it forward," he said. "It's something so small but it can really make you feel nice." KATIE TURNER/METRO

'Citizen conversation.' City invites Calgarians to come and talk ... a lot

The City of Calgary wants to have a conversation with you this Saturday — a long conversation.

For seven hours at the Telus Convention Centre, city officials plan to ask a series of questions to dozens of Calgarians.

"Each question relates to the previous one, and they get more and more detailed as the day goes on," said project lead Beth Gignac. "It's actually a full day of intense exercises and activities."

It's all part of what the city has dubbed a "citizen conversation," as part of its larger Cultural Transformation Project, aimed at overhauling the way

people interact with the municipal government.

Gignac said the process has been informally referred to as an "attitude-adjustment project."

"That's really what we're talking about," she said. "It really is about how we interact with people."

Eighty-five people had registered for Saturday's event as of Thursday afternoon.

Registration is open at citizenconversation.eventbrite.ca,



A citizen participates in last month's city-hosted event at the Calgary Public Building. METRO

but last-minute attendees are welcome, too. "We'll have more than enough room for folks to join in," Gignac said.

The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

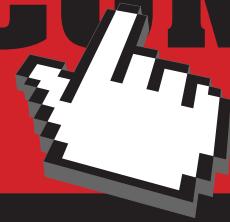
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City battles falling debris from tall towers

Windy city. Calgary's presence in the 'chinook zone' makes it subject to sudden and severe gusts, says BOMA prez

Many Calgary property managers have agreed to a new set of guidelines aimed at reducing

the risk of falling debris from some of the city's tallest buildings.

"After the incidents that have happened, they're taking heed," chief building inspector Marco Civitarese said Thursday, as the city and Building Owners and Managers Association of Calgary outlined new safety standards.

BOMA president Bill Par-

tridge said the guidelines are the product of meetings between city and industry officials that began after the storm that swept through Calgary in November 2011, in which winds of up to 150 kilometres per hour were recorded near the tops of some skyscrapers.

"Today the outcome of that partnership is a set of recommended practices aimed at

education and prevention," Partridge said. "The publication that we have developed is unique in North America."

Sections of downtown were shut down during the 2011 storm and again during a windstorm in May 2012.

In 2009, three-year-old Michelle Krsek was killed by a piece of falling debris blown from a downtown construc-

tion site.

Changes to construction practices since then have resulted in a lower risk to the public, said Cliff De Jong, a senior building regulations officer with the city.

De Jong expects the latest guidelines — which apply to buildings already built — will have a similar effect.

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Keystone XL oil. Visiting Washington is 'critical' right now, says premier

Alberta Premier Alison Redford said she's not worried that her frequent trips to Washington, D.C., to promote the Keystone XL oil pipeline will create an overexposure problem with the American public.

Redford has visited Washington four times since she became premier 18 months ago. She has attracted the attention of anti-Keystone protesters, including some who repeatedly interrupted her speech to the Brookings Institution last week.

"The challenge is to make sure that your story is heard," Redford told reporters prior to her annual leader's dinner in Calgary on Thursday.

"If you are lucky enough to be one of those people where your story is heard too much and no one wants to hear from

you anymore, then you've just done an excellent job."

Redford said there are key discussions in committee rooms at both the congressional and Senate levels regarding Keystone XL and it is essential to keep Alberta's message front and centre.

"I'll tell you that every opportunity that we have to go to Washington ... to talk to decision-makers is critical and particularly so right now," she said.

The pipeline has become a flashpoint in the U.S. debate over climate change. Republicans and business and labour groups have urged the Obama administration to approve the pipeline as a source of much-needed jobs and a step toward North American energy independence.

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Premier Alison Redford has visited Washington four times since being elected 18 months ago. METRO FILE

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Child support. Agency bears Sheldon Kennedy's name

An agency that provides co-ordinated support services to abused children is being named after a former hockey player who brought to light sex crimes against him by Graham James.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Thursday that the not-for-profit organization in Calgary will be known as the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre.

Kennedy played in the NHL and was one of the first to



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Sheldon Kennedy shake hands.
JASON RANSOM/PMO'S OFFICE

come forward about sex abuse by his one-time junior coach and mentor James. Kennedy's revelations led to an eventual conviction in the 1990s against James, who last year was jailed again for abuse against other players, including retired NHL star Theo Fleury.

Harper says the centre is a great way to acknowledge Kennedy's work to help victims of child abuse.

"This centre will stand as a permanent reminder to Shel-

don's boundless commitment to helping children who have been the victims of abuse," Harper said. "What a great way to honour such an outstanding Canadian."

The Sheldon Kennedy centre will be governed by a board of directors and includes of-ficials from the Calgary Police Service, Calgary and area Child and Family Services, Alberta Justice, the Crown prosecutor's office, and Alberta Health Services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister won't flex muscles after CBE staff-raise decision

Education. Teachers, two trustee hopefuls among those who took issue with incentive based pay bumps for non-union workers

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Alberta's education minister won't issue any direction on the contentious approval of raises for Calgary public school staff.

But Jeff Johnson said Thursday he does plan to advise a regulatory review committee, which is hashing out the finer details of a newly unveiled Education Act, to explore methods for better financial transparency at the school-board level.

Johnson openly expressed concern after word surfaced last month that Calgary Board of Education trustees had voted to press ahead with a raise package totalling up to \$1.5 million for exempt staff — those not represented by a union.

Representatives with the Education Ministry also asked for details on the raises during a meeting with trustees last



Education Minister Jeff Johnson says he hopes for better financial transparency on school-board salary decisions going forward. METRO FILE

month.

All told, the performance-based incentives for positions ranging from human-resource workers and engineers to senior administrators could mean an average six per cent salary hike, sources have said. The

board has not made any of the details public.

"The decision they made recently, I think, was disappointing to many people and some see it as irresponsible, but that's a decision for them to make," Johnson said.

Standing firm

Calgary Board of Education trustee chair Pat Cochrane told Metro about a week after voting to approve raises for exempt staff last month that the move was "only fair," given that non-union members have no one to negotiate on their behalf.

The raises came at a time when other groups, including teachers, claimed to be accepting salary freezes. CBE trustee chair Pat Cochrane did point out last month teachers with her board will still see a 0.41 per cent increase to bring their wages in line with provincial averages.

Josh Traptow, chair of the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools, welcomed plans for better transparency outlined by the minister.

"I think anything to do with public money should be done in a public meeting and reports should be made public, and members of the public should have access to those reports and meeting minutes," he said.



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Pharmacists

Protest greets news of cuts to drug payouts

About 300 protesters, many of them pharmacists, rallied outside the Alberta legislature to demand the province rethink its plan to reduce payments for generic drugs. They chanted "Patient

care first!" as speakers accused Health Minister Fred Horne of embarking on a plan that will lead to drug shortages. Horne has announced the province will cut in half what it is currently paying for generic drugs.

The province rebates to pharmacists 35 per cent the cost of brand-name-equivalent drugs, but is dropping that to 18 per cent as of next month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Contract

Over half of school boards back deal, province says

Alberta's Education Ministry says it has now received support from more than half of 62 school boards in the province for a tentative teacher contract.

But some major boards

have still maintained opposition to the four-year deal amid concerns over hidden costs and potential third-party powers for teacher-dispute resolutions.

The Calgary Board of Education, the province's largest board, has made it clear it won't support the deal without some changes, but it was told in a meeting last month that won't happen.

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Mine expansion.

'We will not find access to justice within Alberta,' says First Nations chief

sion.

"We are truly disappointed with this decision as we have diligently proceeded through legal avenues to have our rights upheld," Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam said in a statement.

"We understand that this joint review panel was supposed to uphold everyone's constitutional rights. Why has there been an exception with regards to First Nations' consultation rights? Government must be held accountable to their treaty obligations."

The First Nation wanted a regulatory board to rule on whether the band had been adequately consulted before the board decided whether the Shell project could get the greenlight as planned.

The

board said governments should determine how much consultation is adequate. The Alberta Court of Appeal agreed and the high court has refused to hear an appeal of that decision.

It hinted it may mount another bid to block the ruling.

"We do not know the rea-

Tory crime agenda

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a pair of cases involving elements of the Harper government's "tough-on-crime" agenda.

The first involves three prisoners sentenced before the passage of a 2011 law that toughened parole conditions, who argue they should have been treated under the old law.

The second deals with a lower-court judge who credited an offender with 1.5 days for each day in detention before sentencing.

sons why the Supreme Court did not grant (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation) a hearing. It is clear that we will not find access to justice within Alberta," Adam said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Twitter's Most Wanted

Police using social media to catch 'The Vaulter'

Police from across Canada are joining forces to use social media to try to catch what they are calling one of the country's most notorious bank robbers, nicknamed "The Vaulter."

It comes from the way the suspect jumps over counters, and police have connected him to as many as 17 bank robberies over a three-year period.

Investigators with police forces in Calgary, Ottawa, Hamilton and Peel and York Regions near Toronto have taken to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Pinterest to get images of the serial robber to the public.

It's hoped the campaign will give people an opportunity to view surveillance images and video captured during the robberies.

The Canadian Bankers Association has offered a \$20,000 reward for anyone providing information that will ultimately lead to an arrest. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Abandon ships. Harper urged to scrap plans for Arctic patrol vessels

A new report by two independent think-tanks recommends the Harper government abandon its pet project to construct Arctic patrol ships for the navy.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Rideau Institute say the \$4.3-billion plan has been watered down to the point where it no longer makes much sense, and the country would be better served building high-speed navy cutters and civilian icebreakers.

The Conservatives promised

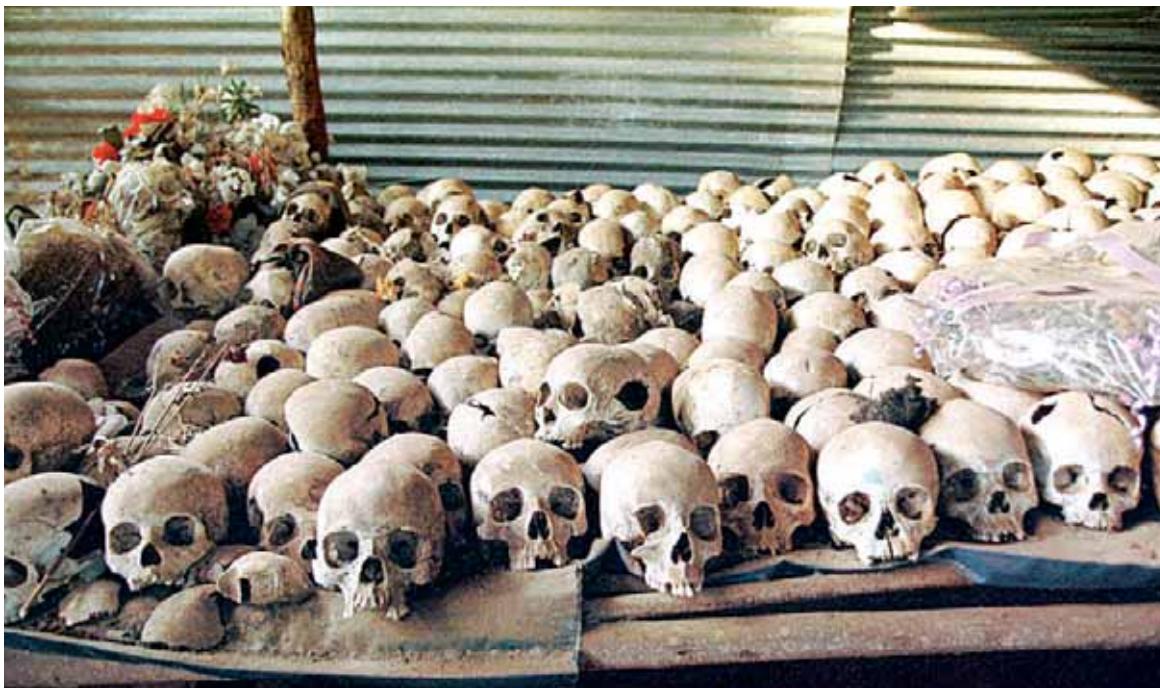
the arctic warships during the 2006 election campaign, saying once in government they would build three heavily armed icebreakers to enforce Canadian sovereignty in the North.

In 2007, the plan changed to up to eight light "ice capable" ships, including a major refuelling station in Nanisivik, Nunavut. The report concludes the ships, as currently configured, will be too slow, too unstable and too lightly armed.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is escorted by Vice-Admiral Robertson and Rear-Admiral Girouard prior to making an announcement of the construction of up to eight Polar Class 5 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships at CFB Esquimalt in Victoria, B.C., in 2007. **DEDDEDA STEMLER/THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Skulls lie on display at the Ntarama Genocide Memorial, which occupies a former Catholic church just south of Kigali, Rwanda. About 5,500 people were killed here during the April 1994 genocide after seeking refuge in the church. Hatebase tracks hate speech in the hope of preventing similar genocides. THOMAS SWIJCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HATEBASE AIMS TO PREVENT GENOCIDE BY TRACKING HATE SPEECH



JESSICA
SMITH
Metro in Toronto

A Toronto-based non-governmental organization is tracking the use of hate speech around the world, hoping to help stop genocide before it starts.

The Sentinel Project recently launched Hatebase, a wiki-style website that asks the public to contribute to a multilingual dictionary of hateful words and to log incidents in which those words are used.

The Hatebase API allows users — potentially governments and NGOs — to map out and chart localized spikes and trends in hate speech in real time.

Spikes in hate speech,

when combined with other knowledge about tensions in a region, can be an early warning sign of violence, or of violence escalating to genocide, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with The Sentinel Project.

"When we start layering in hate speech, that gives us an indication — when it's spiking over time — that tensions are rising," he said.

For example, in Rwanda in the 1990s "inyenzi," meaning "cockroach," was a derogatory term for the Tutsi that escalated in use before the genocide, with radio announcers ultimately calling on people to exterminate the cockroach.

While the Sentinel Project focuses on preventing genocide, the upsurge in hateful

What's in a word?

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself."

Timothy Quinn, Sentinel Project

language can also indicate other violence that doesn't necessarily amount to genocide.

"God knows, there's a lot that can happen before then that certainly warrants monitoring and intervention," Quinn said.

Defining hate speech, however, isn't easy.

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than

the word itself," Quinn said. "There are some words that might have a benign meaning in some contexts, but in other contexts have a very malignant intent."

For example, without a deeper knowledge of the region, the use of "cockroach" in Rwanda in the '90s could be attributed to a cockroach infestation, instead of a brewing genocide.

The Hatebase dictionary is growing as more people with important knowledge about the world are beginning to use it, Quinn said.

"The spread of our users is global," he said. "We're starting to get a lot of very localized slurs, which we didn't have before."

Resolving issues with user-generated content

Relying on user-generated content isn't without its problems, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with the Sentinel Project. Hatebase has attracted some people with political agendas who have started arguing over words and definitions that likely have very little value for organizations

concerned about genocide.

"I've had a couple of Nazis that are pissed off at me. I've got a group of anti-feminists that are pissed off that we removed a word we didn't think was hate speech," Quinn said.

For example, some recent additions to the Hatebase wiki,

such as "patriarchy," "cis male" and "white privilege," are found in academic language commonly used in women's studies. If those words were a sign of genocide, university campuses would be very scary places.

Fortunately, Hatebase can distinguish what inputs are rel-

evant and doesn't bother with anything that doesn't relate to an area of concern, Quinn said. "Some of it is meaningful and some of it is not. Funnily enough, the stuff of dubious value is the stuff people fight about the most," he said.

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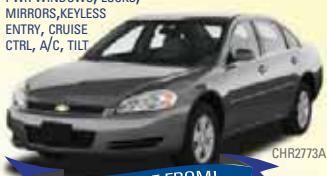
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Stanley Marsh 3 is booked into the Potter County, Texas, Detention Center in this November file photo. A Texas grand jury has indicted the eccentric millionaire artist on charges that he sexually assaulted two teenagers, according to documents released Thursday. MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Millionaire artist
faces sex charges

Civil suits. Marsh settled lawsuits in February involving 10 teenagers who alleged he paid them for sex

an oil tycoon, faces up to 20 years in prison and fines of up to \$10,000 on each count.

The allegations date to before Marsh suffered a massive stroke in 2011. Marsh has been freed on bond since he turned himself in on a November arrest warrant.

A Texas grand jury has indicted eccentric millionaire and artist Stanley Marsh 3 on charges that he sexually assaulted six teenagers, according to documents.

Marsh, 75, was indicted Wednesday on four counts of sexual assault of a child, eight counts of sexual performance by a child, and two counts of indecency with a child. If convicted, Marsh, the son of

Marsh, who uses the Arabic numeral '3' in his legal name, has painted the cars black and yellow to honour the passing of longtime friends.

Pop art

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Jolie and the G8 supporting the 'forgotten victims' of war

Angelina Jolie brought her celebrity wattage to London on Thursday to back an urgent cause: fighting sexual violence in military conflicts. The Hollywood star joined British Foreign Secretary William Hague in announcing \$36 million in additional funding from G8 nations to go toward preventing sexual violence and ensuring justice for its survivors. For too long, Jolie said, survivors of sexual violence have been "the forgotten victims" of wars in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. "Today, I believe that their voices have been heard," she said, alongside Hague, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and others at a meeting of foreign ministers from G8 nations. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL

Baird not sorry for meeting on disputed land

Jerusalem. Palestinian Liberation Organization fears minister has set a 'dangerous precedent'

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says he did not cross a line by holding a meeting with Israel's justice minister in her East Jerusalem office.

Baird met Tuesday with Tzipi Livni across the Green Line in disputed territory, which the Palestinians and the UN consider occupied land.

Baird says where he has coffee with someone is "irrelevant" to the larger discussion of Middle East peace and does not signal a shift in Canadian foreign policy.

"We're focused on trying to have an impact on the difficult and serious challenges, that being security for Israelis, an end to the conflict and the legitimate aspirations for a state from those in the Palestinian side," he said

About what, not where



"I'm not interested in getting into the semantic argument about whether you have a meeting ... on one side of the street (or another)."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

during a news conference in London, following a meeting of G8 foreign ministers.

Previous Canadian government ministers have avoided crossing into East Jerusalem with Israeli officials as a matter of principle and practice.

NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar described the meeting as a misstep that betrayed "a serious lack of understanding about the conflict" in the Middle East.

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Syria. Rebels say regime slaughtered civilians

Syrian government forces launched a counteroffensive in the south, capturing a town and killing at least 45 people, including women and children, opposition activists said Thursday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights activist group reported that they were killed by "shooting, shelling and field execution," a reference to people reported to have been shot at close range.

The attack on the town of Sanamein followed a rebel advance in the area in recent weeks. Rebels captured army bases and a major town in the strategic province of Daraa along the border with

Jordan.

"They slaughtered any person they found," an activist in the nearby town of Busra al-Harir told The Associated Press via Skype. He would not give his name for fear of reprisal.

"This is the ugliest massacre since the one in Houla," he added, referring to a region where government forces killed more than 100 civilians in May.

Rebels advancing in the south in recent weeks have been aiming to secure a corridor from the Jordanian border to Damascus about 60 miles away in preparation for an assault on the capital.

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A Syrian man carries his sister, who was wounded in a regime airstrike, in February. ABDULLAH AL-YASSIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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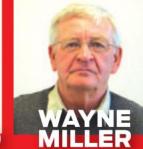
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Vigil remembers Rehtaeh Parsons

Halifax. N.S. premier says he hopes measures aimed at improving mental health services, policing and education will be rolled out soon

People filled a park in Halifax on Thursday night to remember Rehtaeh Parsons, holding candles and burning incense as native drummers played a drum song dedicated to the 17-year-old girl.

Many held photocopied pictures of Rehtaeh on a sunny evening as dusk fell. A native elder read a prayer: "We pray for an end to violence against young women and girls."

A number of politicians attended the vigil, including Premier Darrell Dexter and Halifax Mayor Mike Savage.

The girl's family says Rehtaeh hanged herself last week and was later taken off life-support following months of bullying after she was sexually assaulted by four boys and a photo of the alleged incident was distributed.

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons appealed for a reasoned response to Rehtaeh's death. "My family asks people not to respond with violence and aggression to this terrible tragedy," she told the crowd through tears. "We are coming together in memory of Rehtaeh.... To celebrate her life."

The RCMP have said they are aware of reports that some are suggesting harm against people involved in the investigation.

Earlier Thursday, Dexter told the legislature he wanted a timely response to satisfy the



Several hundred people attend a community vigil to remember Rehtaeh Parsons at Victoria Park in Halifax on Thursday. Family say she ended her life following months of bullying after an alleged sexual assault. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Remembering Rehtaeh

"She was a remarkable young woman."

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons

public's concerns about Rehtaeh's case.

"I will do everything in my power to create a community that is better equipped to prevent these situations, rather than a community that struggles to find a way to deal with them," Dexter said.

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Beyond bullying

PM responds

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's time to stop using the word bullying to describe what's alleged to have happened to Rehtaeh.

He says what has been described in this case is criminal. "It is youth criminal activity. It is violent criminal activity. It is sexual criminal activity and it is often Inter-

net criminal activity."

He told reporters he was shocked and saddened by the death, especially since he and his wife Laureen are parents of a teenage girl themselves.

Harper says the federal government will do what it can to encourage anti-bullying strategies and he is encouraged by the actions being taken by the province.

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Cyberbullying. Action, dialogue critical: Experts

With digital technology and social media increasingly used by bullies to taunt their targets, it's never been easier for harmful messages and images aimed at tormenting victims to be spread to the masses.

While some youth may be unsure of how to stop the chain of cyberbullying, experts say that simply remaining idle is not the answer.

"If a child receives a photo circulated through social media there are many things that he or she can do. Perhaps

the most important thing is to let someone know and not be part of the problem, but part of the solution," said Debra Pepler, scientific co-director of PREVNet, a national authority on research and resources for bullying prevention.

"Being part of the problem is sending that on to other people, writing derisive comments about it; in some way joining the bullying rather than indicating dissatisfaction and displeasure with it."

PREVNet (Promoting Re-

lationships and Eliminating Violence Network) has several tips on its website geared towards teens on how to deal with cyberbullying.

Among them: talk to a trusted adult; "pause and think" before sending messages; don't ignore instincts when seeing or receiving messages which seem aggressive or over the line; and let the sender of an offending message know you're not OK with cyberbullying. Teens are also advised to make a copy of the



Amanda Todd posted a video before committing suicide as a result of cyberbullying. YOUTUBE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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'White-hat' hackers. Students get real-world cyber-security training

Every week, a group of teens and 20-somethings gets together on a college campus, turn up music and begin hacking into computer networks.

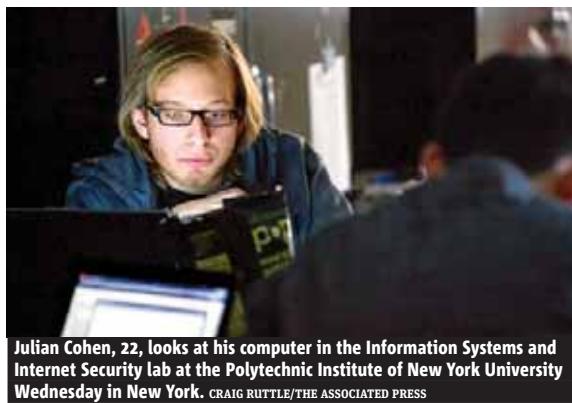
But they're not criminals: They're students training to become "white-hat" hackers, experts that help business and government agencies protect their data from cyber-attacks.

Since actual hacking is illegal, students can't just sneak

into a webpage and poke around. So industry experts and professors collaborate to create exercises that expose them to real-world hacking scenarios.

"Becoming good at security involves doing these challenges, exercises that put you in the context even if it's artificial and made up," says NYU-Poly professor Nasir Memon.

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Julian Cohen, 22, looks at his computer in the Information Systems and Internet Security lab at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University Wednesday in New York. CRAIG RITTELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fox site pulls Coulter column

No laughing matter.
Conservative commentator told to 'get a life' after remark about shooting senator's daughter

The Fox Nation website has removed a column by Ann Coulter because it had a reference to killing the daughter of Sen. John McCain.

Coulter wrote about how MSNBC's Martin Bashir suggested Republican senators wouldn't support gun-control legislation until a member of their family was killed. She wrote: "Let's start with Meghan McCain!"

In response, McCain's mother, Cindy, tweeted that "Ann Coulter needs to get a life!"

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Ann Coulter gestures while speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington on Feb. 10, 2012. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hate crime

2 arrested in U.K.
for assault on
'emo' teen

British police say they have arrested two people over an assault on an "emo" teenage boy — the first to be recorded in the country as an alternative-subculture hate crime.

Short for "emotional punk," the term refers to a style of rock music and associated fashion.

Greater Manchester Police said they detained a 14-year-old boy and a 44-year-old man after receiving reports that a 16-year-old boy who described himself as an "emo" was assaulted.

The police force said last week they would begin recording offences against members of "goths, emos, punks and metallers" in the same way they do attacks based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

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U.S. Senate rejects effort to block gun-control bill

68-31. 50 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents opposed; 29 Republicans, 2 Democrats supported

Gun-control supporters in the U.S. Senate won the first showdown over how to respond to the December school shootings

in Connecticut, defeating an effort by conservatives to derail firearms restrictions before debate could even start.

The 68-31 vote on Thursday gave an early burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers to push fresh but modest gun curbs through Congress. The National Rifle Association, the top gun advocacy group, along with many Republicans and

some moderate Democrats, say the proposals go too far.

The vote came four months after a gunman killed 20 young children and six staffers at a Connecticut school. Expanded background checks of gun purchasers are at the core of the latest Democrat-led gun-control drive. Other top proposals include bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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RBC apologizes for outsourcing mess



Gord Nixon, president and CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, speaks to reporters in Calgary in this Feb. 28 photo. The bank is making a public apology to workers affected by a controversial outsourcing arrangement. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Mea culpa. Bank will publish open letter in response to furor over treatment of IT workers

Royal Bank's top executive apologized Thursday to the workers who are being affected by the bank's outsourcing arrangement with a foreign company, saying RBC should have been more sensitive and helpful to them.

The apology follows a backlash against the bank after some of its Canadian information technology workers complained they were being replaced by foreign workers working for a company contracted by RBC.

Chief executive Gord Nixon said in an open letter, to be published in Friday newspapers, that the bank is also reviewing its supplier arrangements and policies to balance its desire to be a successful business and a "leading corporate citizen."

He repeated assurances that all of the affected work-

ers — about 45 people — will be offered comparable job opportunities at the bank, which is Canada's largest bank by assets.

"RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be," Nixon said in a letter distributed Thursday afternoon.

"While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require — it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart."

He also committed to a review of the bank's supplier agreements and to keep its call centres that support the bank's domestic and U.S. business in Canada.

In earlier statements and an interview that Nixon gave to CBC, the bank had said it expected and believed that its outsourcing supplier had complied with all relevant Canadian rules.

IGate brought its own em-

Foreign worker program

- The rapid growth of the temporary foreign worker program has raised concerns that Canadian companies are filling job vacancies with cheaper workers from overseas rather than actively finding Canadians to fill the jobs.

ployees into Canada on temporary foreign worker visas so they could be trained at RBC for the services they'll be providing to the bank. The controversy sparked an investigation by the federal government.

The government has said that the temporary foreign workers program is only intended to allow foreign workers when no Canadians are available to fill the job.

"Employers cannot pay temporary foreign workers less than a Canadian would earn in the same job," said Alyson Queen, a spokeswoman for Human Resources Minister Diane Finley. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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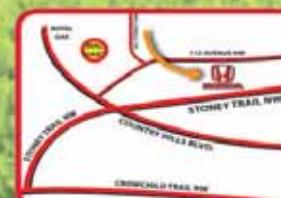
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Cyber-currency's value has rocketed up and down in recent days, but observers say it's survived swings before

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Although the cyber-currency has existed for years as a kind of Internet oddity, a perfect storm of developments has brought it to the cusp of mainstream use.

As currency crises in Europe piqued investors' interest, a growing number of businesses announced they were accepting bitcoins for an ever-wider range

Bitcoin's promise

- To its supporters, Bitcoin has enormous promise. They describe it as the foundation stone of a Utopian economy: no borders, no change fees, no closing hours, and no one to tell you what you can and can't do with your money.
- Some of that promise is being delivered: When Bitcoin first got its start in 2009, the

currency could buy almost nothing. Now, there's almost nothing that bitcoins can't buy.

- From hard drugs to hard currency, songs to survival gear, cars to consumer goods, retailers are rushing to welcome the virtual currency whose unofficial symbol is a dollar-like, double-barred B.

of goods and services. The value of a single bitcoin began racing upward amid growing media attention, smashing past the \$100 US mark last week before more than doubling again just a few days.

Then came the crash. The price of Bitcoin has imploded, falling from \$266 US on Wednesday to roughly \$55 on Thurs-

day. The best-known Bitcoin exchange, the Tokyo-based Mt. Gox, suspended trading for what it described as a 12-hour "market cooldown."

Nicholas Colas, chief market strategist for the ConvergEx Group, said it was a "great question" whether the currency could survive the wrenching up-and-down. "At this point I would say yes, since it has before," Colas wrote in an email.

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200K vehicles in Canada

Japanese auto producers issue recall over airbags

Toyota, Honda, Nissan and three other automakers are recalling nearly 3.4 million older model vehicles worldwide, including at least 200,000 in Canada, because of defective air bags that can send shrapnel flying into the passenger compartment.

The front passenger air bags all were made by the same parts supplier, Japan's Takata Corp. Takata says no one has been hurt, but there have been six incidents of the air bags deploying improperly on roadways.

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Austria. Police arrest man in Red Bull blackmail case

Austrian police have arrested a man suspected of blackmailing Red Bull by threatening to place cans of its energy drink contaminated with feces on supermarket shelves.

Police officials cited at a Salzburg news conference by the Austria Press Agency say the unidentified 47-year-old suspect was arrested Wednesday after he showed up for a payoff in the Lower Austrian town of Moedling.

Thursday's report didn't say how much the suspected blackmailer was demanding, or give other details.

An official answering the telephone at Salzburg police headquarters confirmed the arrest. The threats started coming in February by mail and email. Spot checks of stores across Austria showed no trace of tampering with the company's product.

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Statistics Canada says its new housing price index rose 0.2 per cent in February, following a 0.1 per cent increase in January.

The agency says Calgary was the top contributor to the advance, up one per cent from January — the biggest month-to-month increase in that region since May 2007. It says increases in material and labour costs were the primary drivers for higher prices in Calgary.

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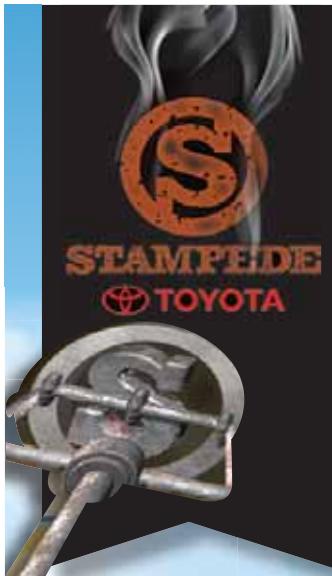
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1 Good Turn Week. Scouts Canada is challenging Canadians to do a simple act of kindness — or two — each week, starting with Good Turn Week, April 13 to 21. Share your good deeds by submitting them on scouts.ca/goodturn, which will encourage others to pay it forward. If you're reading this now while on public transit, why not consider giving up your seat to someone?

2. Brendan Power. This Edmonton police constable's tweets @CstPower are awesome: "Note to self: Make sure step isn't icy, then kick door. #OhTheShame." "Guy snatches his 40km/h over ticket and crumples it up. Ouch. Dagger, right to my heart..." And "Fraud call. You'd think a man and woman pushing a baby stroller would make for a slow get away. Not so much. #UrbanNinjas." No surprise he has almost 5,000 followers.

3 #nowthatthersdead. This hashtag caused some mighty confusion on Twitter this week. It was referring to Margaret Thatcher's death (now Thatcher's dead) but many read it as "now that Cher's dead" and tributes began to pour in for the pop star. Twitter may need to start allowing for apostrophes, spaces and Dummy 101 manuals in their hashtags.

4 Rihanna's hockey jersey. The music superstar made Ottawa Senators hockey jerseys look super hot after posting a picture of herself on social media wearing nothing but that jersey. Watch for Sens jersey sales to pick up now, and even more so if she wears it onstage during her stop in Ottawa May 2 during her Diamonds tour.



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5 Davis Cup Canada. Ace! Canada advanced to the final four of tennis in the Davis Cup by defeating Italy in the quarter-final, Milos Raonic cementing things with a win. This is the first time Canada has advanced to the world group semifinals in the modern era. I haven't been this excited about Canadian tennis since winning an U14 tennis tourney at Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville, Ont., in the '80s.

6 McDonald's. With youth unemployment almost double the national average, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada did their part to fry that by saying they'd hire 6,000 people — most of them youth — during their third-annual National Hiring Day April 11 at franchises across the country. Talk about a Big Mac attack on unemployment.

7 Celebrity closeup. The tumblr account celebritycloseup.tumblr.com takes you as close to your fave celebs as you'll ever get, getting way up close to their faces. You get to see every pore, wrinkle, blemish, acne and nose hair on the likes of James Franco, Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry, Harry Styles and Miley Cyrus — proving once again that stars really are just like us. Except they're rich and famous.

8 @1890probs. If you thought your life was difficult, check out the Twitter account @1890probs, which tweets gems like "Turned 19 today. Too old to marry and have kids," "Gets whooping cough. Whole village dies," "I wish I could see my

boyfriend more often, but he lives 20 miles away," and "Wardrobe malfunction.. Everyone saw my ankles." Follow it.

9 Oprah hits Canada again. Oprah's love fest with Canada continues. After her West Coast speaking tour in January, she hit Ottawa and Montreal this week before a Hamilton engagement on Saturday night where one of Canada's best interviewers — George Stroumboulopoulos (who just landed a summer series on CNN!) — will moderate a conversation with her at Copps Coliseum. StrombOprah. What's not to love?

10 Led Zeppelin. If you're a Led Zeppelin fan — who isn't? — then next Monday is your day. That's the day the illustrated digital book Led Zeppelin: Sound And Fury by acclaimed rock photographer Neal Preston is released exclusively on the iBook store, taking you backstage with the band. I'll be listening to Stairway to Heaven on repeat while I watch it.

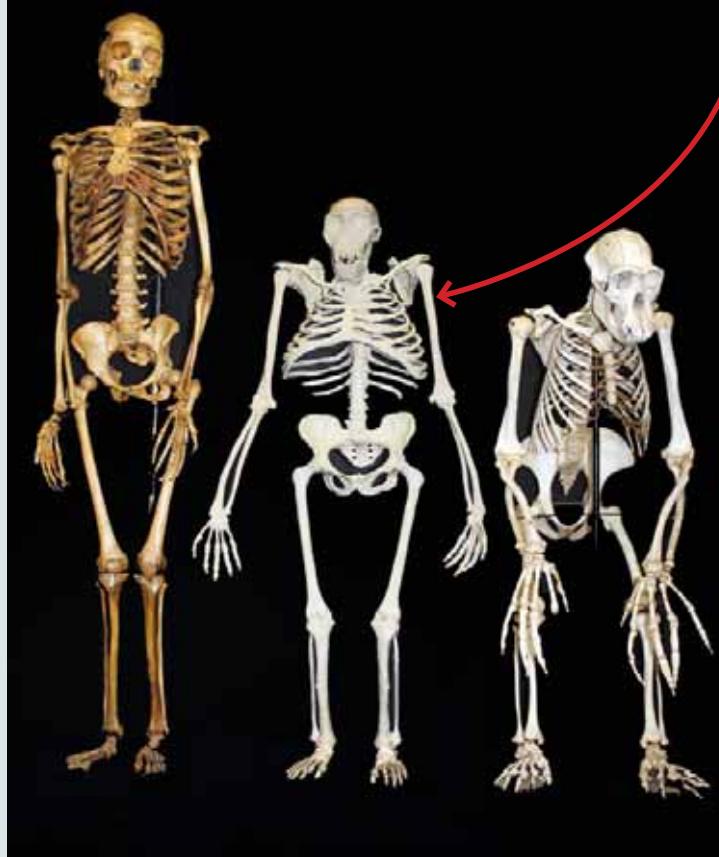
11 Louisville tattoo. With Louisville rallying behind guard Kevin Ware, who had suffered that horrific leg injury earlier in the tourney, this team of destiny defeated Michigan Monday night in a fantastic NCAA championship final 82-76. And now their coach Rick Pitino has to get a tattoo, which he promised the team he would if they won. I suggest "WARE LOUISVILLE."

12 Dragons' Den. In a special season finale April 14 on CBC, viewers get to go outside the den and right into the private lives of the famous dragons. We get to see how they multi-task their business empires with their jam-packed red-carpet schedules and personal lives. I expect to see some semblance of Kevin O'Leary's soft side. Or not.

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ZOOM



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Darwin's back

Species is evolutionary snapshot in action

This image provided by Lee R. Berger and the University of the Witwatersrand shows a reconstruction of the skeleton of Australopithecus sediba, centre, next to a small-bodied modern human female, left, and a male chimpanzee.

The newly studied species lived some two million years ago, and it both climbed in trees and walked upright. Scientists are getting a more comprehensive look at the extinct South African creature with an intriguing mix of human-like and primitive traits, but scientists say they still haven't pinned down where it fits on our evolutionary family tree. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Put your best foot forward

- When people walk, they strike the ground with the heel first. But that would be disastrous for *A. sediba*'s narrow heel bone, so, instead, the creature struck the ground first with the outside of the foot, the authors propose.

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"I didn't think you could have this combination, that hand with that pelvis with that foot ... yet, there it is." Jeremy DeSilva of Boston University

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'Weird Twitter' is a crew of very funny users loosely connected by a taste for conceptual, non sequitur jokes and a shared disdain of the term 'weird Twitter.' Dip your toe in by following these:

@boring_as_heck:

A Vancouverite who just might be the most worthwhile follow on Twitter. "Well time to pay \$13 go see a labor of love that cost millions of dollars. But first, ill pay \$14 for a large bag of corn and a sugar water."

@cool_pond:

A master tormenter of corporate Twitter accounts, most of whom seem happy to play along. "@Arbys I'm locked in the bathroom and the employees are locked in the other bathroom."

@_MichaelJOrdon:

No, it's not actually Michael Jordan. It's an even better, slightly addled version consistently amazed by the simplest things. "Accidentally signed a check Michael Jumping but they still took it. im just always thinking about jumping."

Letters

myself silly.

When I got home, I shared the article with my husband and he laughed so hard, too.

I have no doubt the script from the real PMO's office would read much the same, almost word for word, if a meteor were on its way.

Thanks for a thoughtful and hilarious article.

A.J. Brooks, Calgary, Alta.

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Synopsis

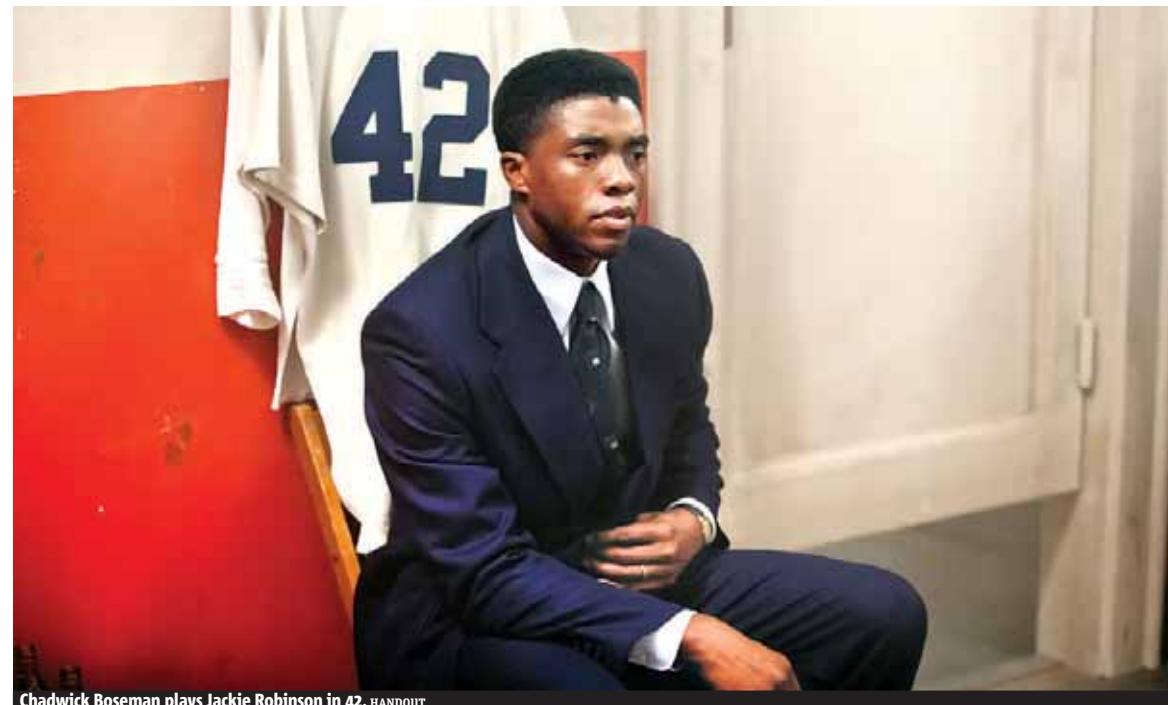
42 covers roughly two years in Jackie Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) life, the period in which he went from unknown minor league player to the man who broke the colour barrier in professional baseball. In 1947 there were 400 players in Major League Baseball, 399 white team members and Robinson. Recruited by Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the first baseman withstood racism from teammates, fans and opposing players to become an icon of the game and civil rights movement.

• Richard: •••••

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Chadwick Boseman plays Jackie Robinson in 42. HANDOUT

Field of equal dreams

42. The realities of 1940s racism aren't toned down in this Jackie Robinson biopic

Richard: Mark, I liked this movie. It's an old-fashioned Hollywood biopic, and I think as that it works well, but I can't start any conversation about the movie without mentioning Harrison Ford's performance. He's the gruff old coot Branch Rickey and Harrison brings him to life with cigar and eyebrow acting, hurumphing his way through the role in an entertaining, but decidedly hammy fashion. What did you make of his performance?

Mark: Richard, there is no movie WITHOUT Harrison Ford. Everyone else is pretty one dimensional, good or evil, including Robinson himself. But Ford brings a little craziness to a very sober biopic. Rickey's a hard guy to figure out, which is good. Is he just a savvy businessman, as he claims? A closet idealist? An egomaniac looking to claim a place in the history books? Ford always keeps us guessing, which is more than the rest of the movie does. I liked the movie, but really, when the bad guys are redneck racists in the 1940s it's like shooting catfish in a barrel.

RC: I liked Ford too but you take those eyebrows away

and there's not a whole lot left to that character. 42 is a melodramatic Hollywood biopic with one big moment after the next buoyed by a swelling soundtrack and loads of stock characters, but writer/director Brian Helgeland doesn't shy away from the harder edged aspects of the story. He tackles the racism Robinson was greeted with head on and it is often uncomfortable to watch.

MB: All too true, and you just can't believe that kind of overt racism occurred only 70 years ago. But, oh, that soundtrack! Stop telling me how to feel; I feel it already! By the way, I thought

Chris Meloni played an interesting character, a flawed human being with a good essence. I wish he had been in the movie more. And the film had a nice sense of time and place. But although Robinson himself is a hero, he's forced by history to be a bit of a bore, which is not good for the movie.

RC: I thought Chadwick Boseman showed some of the tenacity, talent and strength of character that made Robinson a legend.

MB: He was excellent at conveying Robinson's noble purpose. But you know what they say about the Bible: it's the Devil that has the best part!

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The Place Beyond the Pines

Director. Derek Cianfrance

Stars. Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes

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Cianfrance's backwoods grand opera traces a tragic event as it ripples over nearly 20 years. Gosling is extraordinary as a disturbed jittery drifter/bank robber who can charm a crying baby. Cooper appears an hour in for one brief, violent exchange with Gosling and the story becomes his. This 140-minute moral cat-and-mouse game is smart and intriguing, with a unique structure, a restrained, effective script and masterful direction, and top notch performances at every level. **ANNE BRODIE**

Documentary



Revolution

Director. Rob Stewart

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Saving the world is a lofty goal for a documentary, but that's not stopping Rob Stewart from trying with Revolution. After championing the cause against shark finning in Sharkwater, Stewart realized that saving sharks was just the tip of the iceberg; ocean acidification would wipe out pretty much everything in the water unless we seriously alter our lifestyles. As altruistic as his cause is, as a film, Revolution is flimsy at best. The narrative, part travelogue, part nature film, is muddled. Stewart throws out facts like moral thunderbolts but does a poor job of summing up his position. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Documentary



West of Memphis

Director. Amy Berg

Stars. Jason Baldwin, Damien Echols, Jessie Misskelley

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The bulk of the movie is comprised of the 17-year fight to prove the innocence of the West Memphis Three, three teens convicted on dubious evidence in 1994 of the murder of three young boys. But compelling though the story may be, the Alford Plea that earned them release from prison on the proviso they plead guilty feels like justice, once again, was not served. West of Memphis is interesting, but ultimately unsatisfying.

RICHARD CROUSE

Crime



Trance

Director. Danny Boyle

Stars. James McAvoy, Vincent Cassel, Rosario Dawson

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Director Danny Boyle's film about an amnesiac (James McAvoy) who sees a hypnotherapist (Rosario Dawson) to uncover his memories of a valuable, stolen painting brings together film noir, psychological drama and thrills in one twisty-turny story. This is stylish, disorienting filmmaking that disguises what's real and what isn't. Occasionally, however, it feels as though there are too many bends in the story. No spoilers here — but the old saying, "Buy the ticket, take the ride," applies. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Saving the world, one film at a time

"Revolution is a film about how humans are going to survive the next hundred years. We follow life as a character through 3.5 billion years of evolution, five mass extinctions that almost wiped life off the face of the planet, culminating in humans in the midst of another one of these extinctions."

Documentary filmmaker Rob Stewart on his high stakes new movie, Revolution. **IAN GORMELY/METRO**



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On the lam with Robert Redford

The Company You

Keep. Actor talks Weather Underground and gets philosophical about searching for the truth in journalism

MATT PRIGGE

Metro World News in New York

The Company You Keep, the ninth film Robert Redford has directed — and only the third he has starred in as well — concerns former members of the Weather Underground, the militant, and sometimes violent, anti-Vietnam War organization. A longtime Hollywood liberal, Redford has spoken of the film's political nature elsewhere. But today he discusses its other aspects.

"If you had to break it down in terms of which (theme) is more important, the one for my character is obvious: the love of his daughter," he explains.

When the Feds start round-

ing up ex-members responsible for a violent bank robbery, Redford's character, who's innocent of those charges, goes on the lam to clear his name.

"What happens when you're passionate and totally committed to something in your youth, and then that evaporates? You grow out of that position and you're still stuck because of the trap you created for yourself when you were young. What is the cost of that? (The film is) not about that event that took place in 1970. That's the kick-off. It's about their lives right now."

When journalists talk to Redford, inevitably All the President's Men, the 1976 film about the revelation of Watergate, comes up.

"That was not about Watergate. That was not about President Nixon," he maintains. "It was about those two guys and the work that they did. I wanted to put a light on something I didn't think many people knew about, which is: how do journalists work? How do they get a story?"

The film's portrait of journalism doesn't quite mesh



Robert Redford is a man trying to clear his name in *The Company You Keep*. HANDOUT

with today. "Journalism has changed so drastically, because of the democratization of information. Anyone can put something up. So now it's harder and harder to find what the truth is," he says, pointing out that there's less regulation of the press now. "The rules that

governed journalism when I was younger said you had to get two people to go on record before you could quote a source. That's gone. What took it away was the need to compete. You had to scoop. Sometimes you couldn't wait around to do the ethical thing. You had to jump

to get ahead of the next guy. It makes Watergate look like a piece of history. It can't come back."

Also inevitably, talking to Redford means trying to get scoops on his recent casting in the Captain America sequel. He announces, as he

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"What happens when you're passionate and totally committed to something in your youth and then that evaporates?"

Robert Redford on the problems his character encounters in *The Company You Keep* for his association with Weather Underground

has elsewhere, that he's the head of S.H.I.E.L.D., and that he took the job only because he "wanted to do something different." He's more apt to talk about All is Lost, about a man trying to survive a giant storm in the Indian Ocean. That one is genuinely different: he's the only star and there's no dialogue. "It was really grueling. It was really hard, tough, physically challenging. But I really enjoyed it because I was putting myself out there." When asked if it's akin to *The Old Man and the Sea*, he laughs. "No, this is much more active. Much more active."

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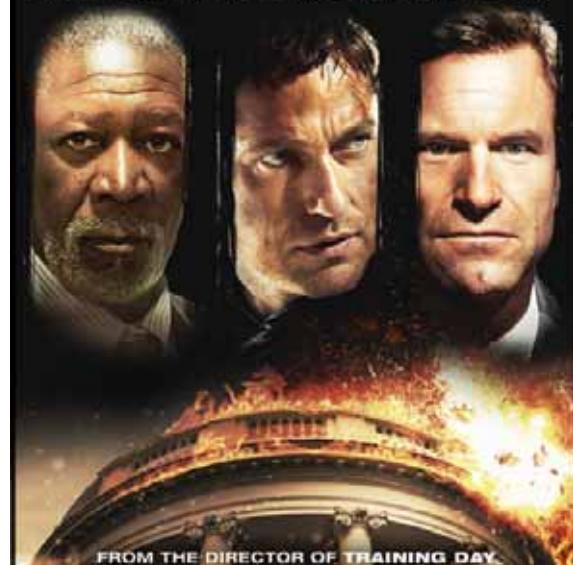
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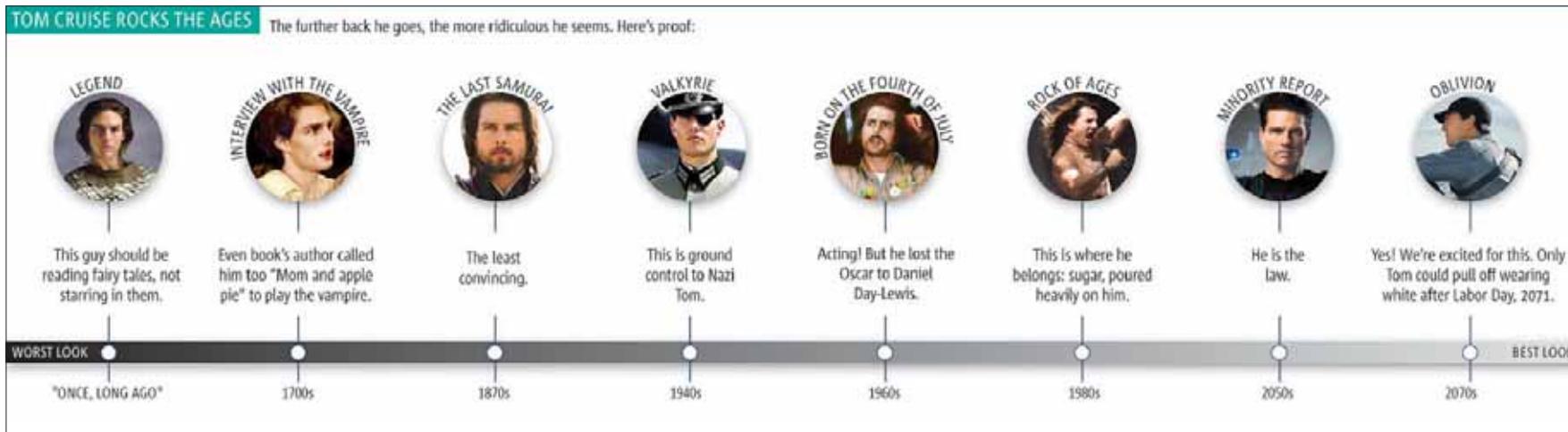
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A year ago, Tom Cruise was riding a wave of good press with a comeback narrative in full swing. His franchise return *Mission: Impossible* *Ghost Protocol* had reassured Hollywood that audiences still had an appetite for the star after something of a dry patch, eventually bringing in nearly \$700 million worldwide at the box office. And on top of that, he had two high-profile and buzzed-about roles ahead for 2012 — the hair metal musical *Rock of Ages* and the tough-guy crime thriller *Jack Reacher*.

But then *Rock of Ages* was met with withering reviews



Tom Cruise's film *Oblivion* opens in theatres next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

and disappointing box office numbers, and *Jack Reacher* underperformed, with neither film opening at No. 1 at the box office. Now, with Cruise's *Oblivion* set to launch — following an ad campaign relying heavily on the star's bankability

Hollywood finds itself asking the same questions it did before the release of *Ghost Protocol*: Can Tom Cruise open a movie?

The last few years have suggested that the age of the movie star may be over, that audiences are no longer

swayed merely by the presence of a big name on the poster. In fact, until recently it seemed the only two stars left who could be counted on to open a movie — regardless of its content — were Will Smith and Adam Sandler. Smith's *Men* in *Black 3* was indeed a blockbuster last year, but it was his first starring role in four years. And the generally review-proof Sandler's last two live-action outings, *Jack and Jill* and *That's My Boy*, were complete bombs. (It should be noted that *Hotel*

Transylvania, which featured Sandler's voice, was a hit.) And so far, 2013 hasn't been very good to traditional movie stars, with major box office flops for *Expendables* stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Jason Statham. Bruce Willis' *A Good Day to Die Hard* fared a bit better, at least opening at No. 1, but in eight weeks of release it's still a long ways off from recouping its \$92 million budget. Even Brad Pitt, who is hoping June's *World War Z* will do well enough to launch a franchise, took a bath on last November's *Killing Them Softly*, which he both starred in and produced.

So if *Oblivion* doesn't do well, does that mean the Tom Cruise brand is officially in trouble? Not likely. As *Ghost Protocol* proved, the star has an uncanny ability to bounce back from both critical failures and tabloid talk. And with the more recent *Oblivion* trailers making the film look more interesting and enticing, maybe Cruise's latest go at saving the world will also save his career. Again.

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TIFF kids. Legend of Sarila billed as Canada's first 3D animated feature

When it comes to 3D animated features, it's hard to compete with the mammoth releases of Pixar and DreamWorks.

So in tackling the Inuit-themed drama *The Legend of Sarila*, Quebec director Nancy Savard decided she wouldn't even try.

Her debut movie is billed as Canada's first-ever 3D animated feature film, and makes its mark with a strong visual signature that Savard says sets it apart from slick Hollywood offerings.

"We knew that we couldn't do something the same as what they were doing. But we knew also that people would compare us because it's an animation movie," says Savard, describing her \$8.5-million film as more akin in spirit to the National Film Board.

"We chose where we will put our energy, and we knew that we didn't have that much money. So instead of trying to do a technology (heavy) movie we said, 'OK, we'll do an artistic movie.'

The Legend of Sarila follows three young Inuit friends who make a last-ditch attempt to save their clan from famine

by heading out in search of a fabled land where game and food is plentiful.

Among them is the budding shaman Markussi, voiced by Dustin Milligan, whose increasing powers threaten the status of his community's revered aging shaman Croolik, voiced by Christopher Plummer.

Savard credits the Oscar-winning Plummer with giving the film celebrity heft. But he also infused the villainous Croolik with some much-needed nuance.

"When Christopher Plummer said, 'Yes,' I was really shocked, I was really surprised, I was really happy about that," says Savard, who began her career at the television music channel MusiquePlus, Radio-Canada, Astral and TVA.

The Legend of Sarila — recommended for kids age eight and up — opens Friday in Toronto as part of the TIFF Kids International Film Festival.

The festival kicks off Tuesday with its TIFF Kids school program, offering a mix of shorts, features, foreign, live action and animated fare for audiences age three to 13.

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A scene from the 3D animated film *Legend of Sarila*. HANDOUT/COURTESY OF TIFF



Chris O'Dowd stars in *The Sapphires*, which opens next week. HANDOUT

No achy breaky hearts for Chris O'Dowd

The Sapphires. Actor's attitude toward country music parallels his character's beliefs about the genre

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"Country and western music," says Chris O'Dowd, "is a very easy thing to deride."

In *The Sapphires* O'Dowd plays an Irish musician playing piano in Australia's outback bars in exchange for beer money. His life is spiralling downward until he discovers a group made up of four of tal-

ented Indigenous Australian sisters. Trouble is, he doesn't like the music they sing.

"When I met you," he says in the film, "you were doing all country and western things and that's fine, we all make mistakes."

For O'Dowd that speech was art imitating life. "My dad played guitar in pubs playing country and western music," he says. "So I feel like the whole speech I do about country and western music is something that has been pent up in me since I was 14. Carrying his guitar case to listen to bad Merle Haggard tracks."

"Country and western music is huge in Ireland. I don't know why. It's all Kris Kristofferson and a bit of Wil-

lie Nelson and Clint Black. Dad was really into it. Maybe it's that country and western has some origins in bluegrass and bluegrass has origins in Irish music. There's something going on there. And Irish people love a good whine. We're great at it."

In the film he convinces the girls to trade country for soul music and shapes them into a version of The Supremes.

"I wrote this speech about how country music is about loss, but soul music is also about loss — you've lost but you haven't given up — and that has a nice payoff in the film."

"Country music is kind of whiny," he says. "He left me, now what am I going to do

with my life? Whereas soul music is like, 'I'm going to get that bugger back.' It's nice. It's a nice turning point in the film where we're not going to feel sorry for ourselves. That's an important element for the entire story. About moving on."

Thinking back on his teenage years, he speculates if his attitude might have been different if dear old dad had sung a different kind of music.

"I wonder if he had been an amazing Al Green-esque songster if I would have still said, 'This is so lame.' I wonder sometimes with people whose parents are cool. I've been working with Rashida Jones recently and I'm like, 'How can you not think your dad is cool?'"



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Yogawoman (STC) Fri-Thu 4:05-6:55

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Ebert defended indefensible

Reviewing his reviews. A look at the more controversial selections from the former film critic

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Reflections in a Golden Eye (1967)

One of the first things he did, as a fresh-faced 25-year-old, was do what all critics ought to do: stand up for a movie that no one liked and whose studio was doing its best to suppress.

John Huston's film was an on-simmer survey of a Southern army base, populated by a closeted major (Marlon Brando) and his jilting wife (Elizabeth Taylor).

Ebert's review describes the hostile atmosphere at the screening and praised Brando's performance as his best in a period during which he flailed.



Roger Ebert was the most famous film critic in the world, but he was also a film critic, which is to say fallible.

For all the classics he praised right out of the gate, or the ones he collected in his ever-swelling canon of The Great Movies, he got some wrong, or simply added to the dogpile on films, like *Ishtar* or *Heaven's Gate*, that could

have used a powerful friend.

But it's easy — and smug — to admonish critics for missing the boat when one has 20/20 hindsight.

(And easier still to neglect that having a major player say *Blue Velvet* was crap actually enriched the discussion of the film by forcing its fans to better articulate their praises.)

But let's not dwell on his so-called failures, which ought not even to be called that.

In honour of his recent passing, let's look at several films that everyone — or almost everyone — either hated or treated with apathy except that guy at the Chicago Sun-Times who was on that show with the skinny guy.



Saint Jack (1979)

Ebert was a staunch defender of the terrific *Saint Jack*, in which Ben Gazzara plays a Singapore pimp trying to eke by. At one point Gazzara pisses off local hoodlums, who tattoo his arms with vulgarities, which Ebert described as "a more diabolical and satisfactory form of gangland revenge than the concrete overcoat."



Synecdoche, New York (2008)

Roger Ebert wasn't the only person to highly praise Charlie Kaufman's highly divisive directorial debut, but he was one of the few to almost put it on his all time top 10. He didn't but that's praise nonetheless.



The Cotton Club (1984)

Every film needs a defender, even the so-called indefensible, and for this Ebert was the man.

"It has the confidence and momentum of a movie where every shot was pre-meditated — and even if we know that wasn't the case, and this was one of the most troubled productions in recent movie history, what difference does that make when the result is so entertaining?"

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New music. Quebec band over the moon with their latest run of success



Quebec band Half Moon Run are Canada's latest buzz band. HANDOUT

Opening for popular British band Mumford & Sons on the band's current tour has been a heady experience for Montreal's Half Moon Run.

"It's extraordinary," says Dylan Phillips, who does triple duty as keyboardist, drummer and singer with the Montreal-based pop rockers. "We've played in the biggest halls of our lives."

Like when excited fans packed the Anvers Sportpaleis in Belgium.

"The Mumford fans were crazy, so they were there very early," Phillips recalled in a telephone interview from Germany. "At the end of our set, there were already 18,000 people there. It was a little scary but it went well."

In Amsterdam, Half Moon Run was invited on stage by the show's stars.

"They asked us to join them on stage to play The Weight. The other opening band was there too. Everyone had instruments. It was memorable."

Mumford's Ben Lovett spotted Half Moon Run at a show in London — an event Phillips describes as their "first buzz" on British soil — and asked the group if they'd like to tour.

"I knew a lot of bands wanted that gig," Phillips said.

Upcoming shows

Half Moon Run will also open for the Icelandic group Of Monsters & Men in Oakland and Kansas City as well as at a May 24 show in Montreal.

- Shows. They will be in Toronto at Echo Beach the next day with Of Monsters & Men as well as Sam Roberts for an open-air festival.

As if to put the cherry on top, Lovett signed them with his Communion label. Half Moon Run already have a foot in Australia with Indica Australia/MGM.

Fans of the European scene, Half Moon Run's has a busy schedule, alternating between performances with Mumford & Sons and bookings in smaller venues.

Hailing from Ontario and British Columbia, the members of Half Moon Run met in Montreal when they were students.

About a year after the Canadian release of Dark Eyes, their first album, international interest began to grow.

Now it seems they barely have time to catch their breath. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

10 years later, surprise stars will Give Up again

Interview. Jimmy Tamborello, formerly of Postal Service, will reunite with Ben Gibbard for an anniversary tour of their smash hit album

A decade ago, Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard and electronic producer Jimmy Tamborello teamed as the Postal Service and ascended to unlikely heights with their lone album Give Up.

Give Up is being reissued with a deluxe 10th anniversary edition Tuesday, the same day the pair launches a reunion tour that will wind through Toronto's Air Canada Centre on June 11 and Vancouver's Rogers Arena on July 16.

The soft-spoken Tamborello, best-known for recording solo under the Dntel moniker, recently spoke about the initial collaboration, seeing its progression and why Give Up connected.

Originally, this partnership between you and Ben came about pretty organically, didn't it?

Yeah, definitely. There was never like a deadline or anything unfun about the process. It was all real relaxed. Getting to know somebody while making a poppy record.

What did you like about working with Ben?

The fact that we were doing it through the mail

Postal Service band members Ben Gibbard, left and Jimmy Tamborello are back together for a reunion tour.

BRIAN TAMBORELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



ahead of us kept getting moved to bigger venues and most of the shows were selling out.

Why do you think Give Up connected to the extent that it did?

I feel like I try to answer that one a lot and I never have a really good answer for it. I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us. The fact that it's such a small production makes the melancholy emotional part of it seem more real or genuine. But also, just kind of accidentally, the music came out poppier than I think we even meant it to. So I think that helped too. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us."

Jimmy Tamborello
On why Give Up was received so well

made it different than most collaborations, because we just weren't around each other.

And we didn't know each other super well when we started, so maybe in the beginning it was a little more reserved.

Like, I didn't want to say: "Oh, I don't like that." And I think he was the same way. (But) I think we liked what each other was doing.

Did you suspect early on that it would be such a phenomenon? If not, when did you start to think that way?

No, I think both of us didn't really know how people would take it. It's totally surprising how many people got into it.

First thing, we did a tour in the U.S. right when the album came out, and in the beginning of the tour, the shows were pretty small. And as we travelled, the shows

Eric and Matt from The Big Bang Theory are shown with a large pile of Canadian money. The text "The \$100,000 Big Bag of Cash" is prominently displayed in the center.

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Escape/ Nightmare Air

The buzz on these people was deafening and it's only going to get louder now that their debut record, High in the Lasers, is out. Long live noise rock!



Paper Girl/ July Talk

People who saw this young Canadian band at Canadian Music Week are still raving about them. Tom Waits would be extremely proud.

Blue Collar Jane/ The Strypes

The average age of this Irish band is 15-years-old. You will be hearing more about them this year, especially since they have the official Dave Grohl seal of approval.



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Jay-Z addresses Cuba trip critics

New song. Rapper pens Open Letter after his recent trip to communist country comes under fire

Jay-Z is defending his recent trip to Cuba in a new song.

He released Open Letter

Thursday after two Florida Republican lawmakers questioned if his visit to Havana with wife Beyoncé was officially licensed.

On the song, Jay-Z raps about his distaste for politicians and says, "Want to give me jail time and a fine, let me commit a real crime."

U.S. Treasury officials said Tuesday the couple's trip was licensed as an educational ex-

change.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are avid supporters of President Barack Obama. Jay-Z raps in his song, "Obama said, 'Chill, you gon' get me impeached, you don't need this (expletive) anyway, chill with me on the beach."

U.S. citizens are not allowed to travel to Cuba for mere tourism.

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Beyoncé and Jay-Z.

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TV picks

Debut of two new reality shows — this week in TV

Vegas star Michael Chiklis directs Friday's episode, in which Savino's phone is tapped as Lamb, Jack and Katherine try to get evidence on how he works the skim. Meanwhile, Yvonne gets a chance to sing at a Hollywood party and Mia is shocked when her presumed-dead mother turns up (CBC)

at the Savoy. (Global, CBS)

Late-night movie offerings Friday include the Canadian gem *Away From Her*, starring a luminescent Julie Christie as a married elderly woman drawn to another woman when Alzheimer's sets in. Gordon Pinsent plays her once-philandering husband, who becomes increasingly alarmed by her behaviour and the long shadow his own infidelity has cast on their relationship. Based on a story by Alice Munro. (CBC)

Comic actor Vince Vaughn — who will star in the upcoming remake of the Quebec film *Starbuck* — hosts Saturday Night Live, while buzz R&B singer Miguel is the musical guest. (Global, NBC)

The debuts of two new reality shows air Saturday. On Global there's *Ready for Love*, a Bachelor-type show with 12 women competing for the attention of rock star Tim Lopez. Haven't heard of Lopez? He's a member of the

pop punk band Plain White T's. On ABC there's *Bet on Your Baby*, with parents placing wagers on how their kids will perform in a series of competitions. There's a \$50,000 college fund up for grabs.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus is back in her Emmy-winning role of hilariously profane U.S. Vice-President Selina Meyer in the comedy series *Veep*. The show kicks off its 10-episode second season on Sunday with midterm elections on the horizon and Meyer scor-

ing higher ratings than the president in several popularity polls. (HBO Canada)

On Sunday, rising comedy star Rebel Wilson hosts the MTV Movie Awards — that flashy bash with such prestigious categories as best shirtless performance, best WTF moment and best kiss. Wilson will also perform a musical matchup with her co-stars from the film *Pitch Perfect*, which is nominated for four awards. (MTV Canada)

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Julia Louis-Dreyfus in the comedy series *Veep*. HANDOUT

Come on! Top 5 recurring jokes on Arrested Development

TV. Fan sites dedicated to *Arrested Development* have catalogued dozens of beloved recurring jokes, so coming up with a short list isn't easy. But here are five of the most memorable jokes that have popped up repeatedly and may re-emerge for season four, on Netflix starting May 26.

"Come on!"

It's mostly Gob's catchphrase but several characters have enthusiastically barked out the famous one-liner throughout the series in a pique of frustration.

"I've made a huge mistake!"

Another line that's repeatedly uttered by Gob but is borrowed by other characters. The recurring gag is made funnier when Gob says to Michael in an episode, "I've never admitted to a mistake."



Chicken taunts

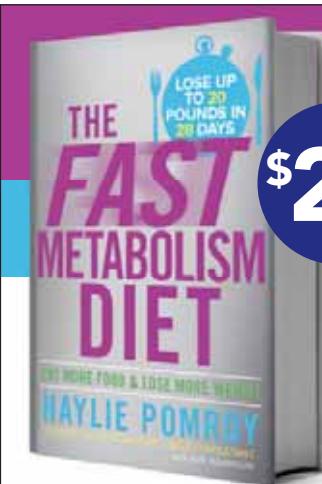
It's a family tradition to taunt and mock a fellow Bluth by clucking and dancing like a chicken in their face. Nearly everyone in the family has been seen doing it, with their own personal style, although none do it very well. "Has anyone in this family even seen a chicken?" says Michael Bluth, played by Jason Bateman, in one episode.

Never nude

Seasons one and two are littered with references to the affliction suffered by Tobias Funke, played by David Cross, who can't bring himself to be naked.

Next time/Previously on Arrested Development

Some of the funniest quick laughs come during the "Previously on" and "Next time on" segments that bookend episodes — and are typically filled with non sequiturs that completely stray from the show's real storylines.



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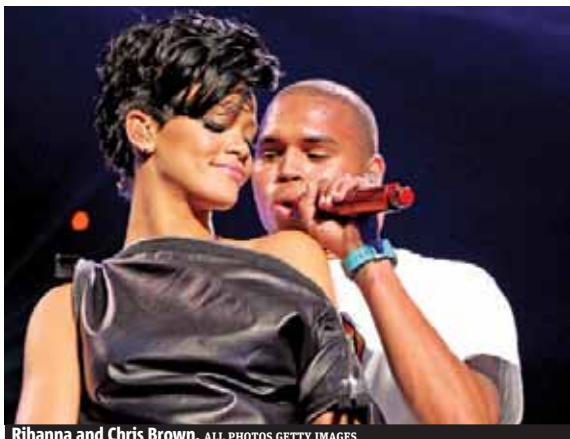
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Rihanna and Chris Brown. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Couple of the year shockingly having relationship trouble

Reports that Rihanna and Chris Brown have broken up might not exactly be accurate, but that doesn't mean the couple is happy, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that while the pair hasn't actually split up, they are fighting all the time.

"Every second it's a blow-up and then full-on in love," the source says. "She's tour-

ing and working her ass off, and he's working his off in the studio," and those busy schedules are adding to the stress.

Rihanna is even using work to vent some of her frustrations, asking an audience at an L.A. concert this week, "How many of you are in love? How many of you hate love? ... I'm in that group. The confused group."

Kristen Stewart crashes a little kid's party—sort of

THE WORD
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Look. I know the members of Hanson are old and they have, like, 23 kids between them (even the baby drummer has procreated — twice).

I've interviewed them several times and the voice on the other end wasn't prepubescent (they are also supersensitive to people thinking they are teenagers,



something I learned the hard way when I squealed, "You are so grown up!" to them.)

I've even listened to their later albums. What I'm saying is: I know they are old and capable of partying.

But when I read on E! News that Kristen Stewart decided to celebrate her 23rd birthday by crashing a record release party for the band at L.A. nightspot No Vacancy, my first thought was, "What is KStew doing with a bunch of eight-year-olds?"

Apparently, if you broke out as a little person, I will always consider you a little person (don't get me started on Lil' Bow Wow).

Anyway, according to E!, the birthday girl arrived around 11 p.m. with Robert Pattinson and about 10 friends in tow, though it was unclear if they knew ahead of time about the band's party.

"They weren't overly affectionate or anything, but at points they were standing together as they talked to friends," a source says of Stewart and Pattinson.

And then Hanson played pin-the-tail on the donkey, ate confetti cake and all three had temper tantrums when they were told it was bedtime. I'm so sorry, Hanson.



Jennifer Garner

Garner putting the pants back on

It's Jennifer Garner's turn to go to work, which means husband Ben Affleck will be staying home with the kids, the Argo director reveals, according to Us Weekly.

"She's got a couple of movies coming up. There's going to be a little Mr. Mom action and I'm going to get back in the ring," Affleck says.

"She told me to go to the gym. I'm preparing myself. I'm going to take on some more of the burden."

Madonna feud heating up

Madonna's ongoing feud with Malawi President Joyce Banda isn't getting any better, with Banda now blasting the singer for reportedly demanding expedited travel privileges for herself and her entourage for a recent visit to the country, according to Yahoo! News.

"Granted, Madonna

is a famed international musician," Banda says in a statement. "But that does not impose an injunction of obligation on any government under whose territory Madonna finds herself, including Malawi, to give her state treatment. Such treatment, even if she deserved it, is discretionary."



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I'd like to close by thanking our employees, clients, shareholders and community partners for your input and continued support.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Nixon".

Gord Nixon
President and Chief Executive Officer,
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Liquid Assets

*The wrap on
Pinot grigio*



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Much like a human union, when it comes to food and wine, the bride often comes with an entourage that can't be ignored.

Big holiday meals are a classic example. Though the turkey might be the star of the show, every side dish puts its two cents worth into how successful the outcome of the liquid pairing will be.

Wraps create an everyday conundrum. They're sort of like an elaborate meal rolled into one conveniently edible package.

This week's lead recipe combines smoked salmon (that works with many wines, from a pinot noir red to a white, german off-dry riesling), creamy avocado (a chardonnay fan) and capers (which prefer a rosé).

The trick is to find a harmonious middle ground, and with this dish, all roads lead to pinot grigio. Typically a light, lean, easy-going style of white wine, it meets many ingredients

halfway. With its subtle honeyed flavour and citrusy backbone, Mezzacorona's 2012 Pinot Grigio (\$11.95 to \$15.99) has a bit more heft than the average PG, making it a versatile wrap wine. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.



On a (healthy) roll with smoked salmon

Smoked Salmon, Cheese, Avocado and Caper Wrap. Looking for a light lunch idea? Try this refreshing combination with a unique cheese twist



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My version of a lox and cream cheese sandwich has fewer calories, less fat, and more interesting and tasty ingredients! The light ricotta and cream cheese combination is the key substitute for regular cream cheese.

1. Purée the ricotta, cream cheese, goat cheese, mayon-

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup smooth light ricotta
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese
- 1/3 cup goat cheese
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large tortillas (preferably whole wheat)
- 4 pieces leafy lettuce
- 4 oz smoked salmon, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1 tbsp capers



This recipe serves eight. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

naise, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and pepper in a small food processor, or with a hand beater, until smooth.

2. Divide the cheese mixture among the tortillas, spreading it to 1/4 inch from the edges. Place the lettuce over-

top. 3. Scatter the salmon, onion, avocado and capers over the lettuce. Roll the bottom of each tortilla up and over the filling, fold in the sides and roll the tortilla up tightly. Cut in half before serving.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Nutritional analysis

Per serving: 124 calories;
7 g protein; 6.1 g fat; 2.1 g
saturated fat; 14 g carbohydrates;
12 mg cholesterol;
324 mg sodium; 1.8 g fibre

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The A Train – Toe Tappin' Swing

Have two left feet but are keen to try swing dancing? Make your way to the Mount Pleasant Community Hall 602 this Friday night for a drop-in beginner lesson. Toe Tappin' Swing presents the opportunity to try out the dance craze with vintage tunes and local DJs. There's also a bar that provides libations. The lesson starts at 8:30 p.m. and the Dance the Night Away session starts at 9:30 p.m. It's sure to be a night to remember. 22nd Ave. NW.



Calgary Underground Film Festival

The Festival screens contemporary works in a multitude of categories beginning Monday. Their aim is to bring Calgarians a unique roster of films rarely seen in North American theatres. Check out the sci-fi/comedy/action flick Big Ass Spider this Monday at the Globe Cinema, and the Big Ass Opening Gala Party at Vern's with your ticket stub. Tickets to the show are \$11. The Globe Cinema 617 8th Ave. SW, Verns 622 8th Ave. SW.



The Big Deal — Casino Royale

Make your way to the Calgary Elks Lodge & Golf Club for The Big Deal — Casino Royale Saturday starting at 6 p.m. A \$25 general admission ticket gains you entrance to the party and the \$125 ticket gains you access to the food and entertainment. There will be a silent auction, raffles, door prizes, appetizers and a cash bar. Dress in your best Bond inspired outfit and you may just win best in show. All proceeds go to Missing Children of Canada and Rotary youth programs. Advance at thebigdeal.zoobis.com



K-OS

The rapper from Toronto is at the Republik on Saturday at 8 p.m. You might only know Kevin Breton by his stage name, but we hear his friends say his latest record has been in the wings his whole life. His Black On Blonde album is not only two records in one, with rock tunes and old-school hip-hop jams, but it also features collaborations with Emily Haines (Metric) and Black Thought (The Roots). Make your way down 17th Avenue to catch this genre-hopping artist.



Holly Cole

The Canadian jazz singer, who imparts her intelligence and sophistication through song, will be taking the stage at the Grand Tuesday night at 8 p.m. (doors at 7). Hugely popular in Japan, she's won awards closer to home with three Junos and two Gemini Awards. Tickets are \$46.50. Her latest album, *Night*, was released late last year and covers songs by Tom Waits, Gordon Lightfoot and the James Bond theme *You Only Live Twice*. Theatre Junction GRAND, 608 1st St. S.W.



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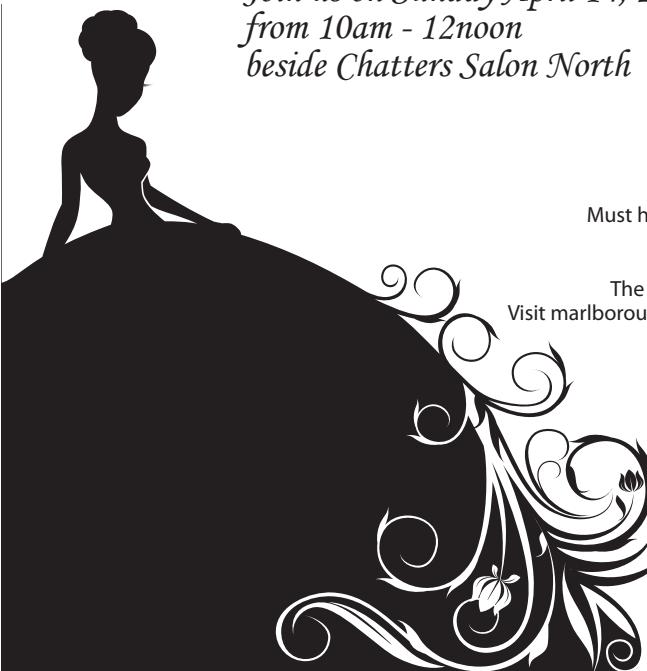


Saddle up

The two-day event with bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding goes down at the Stampede Corral on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. The elite contestant roster includes nine Canadian Champions, a Cowboy of the Year and three National Finals Rodeo qualifiers. Head on down to the Stampede Grounds and see who wins the \$30,000 in prize money for each performance. Tickets are available through ticketmaster.ca and start at \$20.

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Canada's Sports HOF

Sakic leads new class of inductees

Hockey Hall of Famer and two-time Stanley Cup champion Joe Sakic headlines this year's list of inductees into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Sakic, who had 1,641 career regular-season points over 20 seasons in the NHL, won league championships with the Colorado Avalanche in 1996 and 2001. He also won titles at the Winter Olympics, world hockey championship, World Cup of Hockey, world junior championships and Memorial Cup.

Others named in the athlete category on Thursday include cyclist Alison Sydor, curler Russ Howard and Paralympian Andre Viger.

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Joe Sakic
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NHL, NHLPA partner to combat homophobia

The NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association have partnered with the You Can Play Project, an advocacy organization fighting homophobia in sports.

The You Can Play Project was founded by Philadelphia Flyers scout Patrick Burke in March 2012 in memory of Brendan Burke, Patrick's younger brother and the son of former NHL GM Brian Burke.

You Can Play will conduct seminars at the NHL's rookie symposium and make its resources and personnel available to each individual team as desired.

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Garcia enjoying lead 'while it lasts'

The Masters. Spaniard shares top spot with Leishman after opening tournament with 66

Sergio Garcia is still chasing that first major title.

It never figured to come at Augusta National.

But there he was Thursday, after a bogey-free opening round, sharing the top spot on the leaderboard at the Masters.

"Obviously, this is not my most favourite place," Garcia said, trying to be diplomatic. "But we try to enjoy it as much as we can every time we come here. Sometimes it comes out better than others. Today was one of those good days. Let's enjoy it while it lasts."

Garcia's 6-under 66 tied him with Aussie Marc Leishman on a cloudy day that was made for going low. The Spaniard took advantage, rekindling memories of the teen phenom who seemed certain to win numerous major titles after he battled with Tiger Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship, losing by a single stroke.

Garcia has challenged in other majors, but rarely at the Masters — a course that



Sergio Garcia tees off on the 17th hole at the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Garcia shared the lead with Marc Leishman after shooting a 66 on Day 1. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

doesn't seem to fit his style or shaky putter. In 14 appear-

ances at Augusta National, he has finished in the top 10 only

WHL. Hitmen heading to third round

Zane Jones scored the game-winning goal and had an assist to lead the Calgary Hitmen to a 5-1 win over the Red Deer Rebels on Thursday in Western Hockey League play-off action.

Greg Chase also had a goal and an assist for the Hitmen, who will now face the Edmonton Oil Kings in the Eastern Conference final after wrapping up a 4-1 second-round series victory over the Rebels.

Calder Brooks, with his first-ever WHL playoff goal, also scored for Calgary, while Spencer Humphries and Elliott Peterson added empty-net goals.

Hitmen goalie Chris Driedger made 16 saves to improve his post-season record to 8-2.

Turner Elson scored his team-leading fifth goal of the post-season for Red Deer, which was back in the play-

offs after a one-year absence. Patrik Bartosak made 29 saves in the Rebels net.

Calgary jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Chase's second goal of the playoffs before Elson tied up the game for Red Deer 61 seconds later.

Jones then tipped a Brooks Macek shot past Bartosak at 10:37 of the first before Brooks scored the lone goal of the second to put the Hitmen up 3-1. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Guan Tianlang

Anything but green at 14

Fourteen-year-old Guan Tianlang is the youngest golfer ever to compete at the Masters.

But he looked more like a veteran Thursday when he shot a 1-over 73 in his debut at Augusta National.

Guan made a 15-footer from off the green to birdie his final hole, getting a standing ovation.

If he plays this way Friday, the eighth-grader from China could set another record as the youngest player to make the cut at the Masters.

twice.

This year, Woods is still the favourite after opening with a 70. But it appears he'll have a lot of competition.

"I felt like I putted well today," said Woods, whose only lower opening-round score at Augusta was a 68 in 2010. "We've got a long way to go.... The golf course is going to change dramatically. You've just got to make adjustments."

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Hitmen forward Calder Brooks celebrates his goal on Thursday night against the Rebels.

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Can the UFC save wrestling from Olympic extinction?

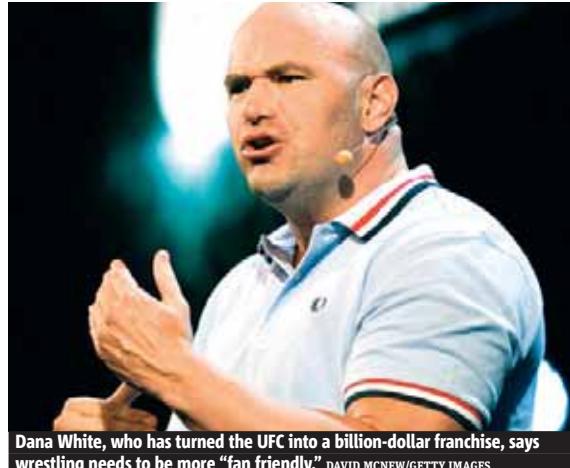
2020 Games. Sport official appeals to MMA experts for advice on gaining fan support

UFC chief executive Dana White helped turn mixed martial arts into a wildly lucrative industry by engaging fans and embracing show business.

Facing Olympic extinction, wrestling is now listening to its flashy cousin.

Bill Scherr, the chairman of the U.S.-based Committee to Preserve Olympic Wrestling, wrote an essay last week titled "A Shout Out to the UFC!" that signalled something of a seismic shift in the thinking among top wrestling officials.

Wrestling, with its roots in antiquity, trudged along for decades while mixed martial arts soared in popularity. But Scherr, a past world champion and successful businessman,



Dana White, who has turned the UFC into a billion-dollar franchise, says wrestling needs to be more "fan friendly." DAVID MCNEW/GETTY IMAGES

argued that wrestling — which the IOC recently recommended be axed from the Olympics starting in 2020 — has a lot to learn from the path MMA promotion companies took to success.

"They have vibrant tele-

vision markets and audiences. They have great fan interest from a grassroots level. They have a very strong presence with all forms of digital media, including Facebook, websites and Twitter," Scherr said.

It makes sense for wrestling

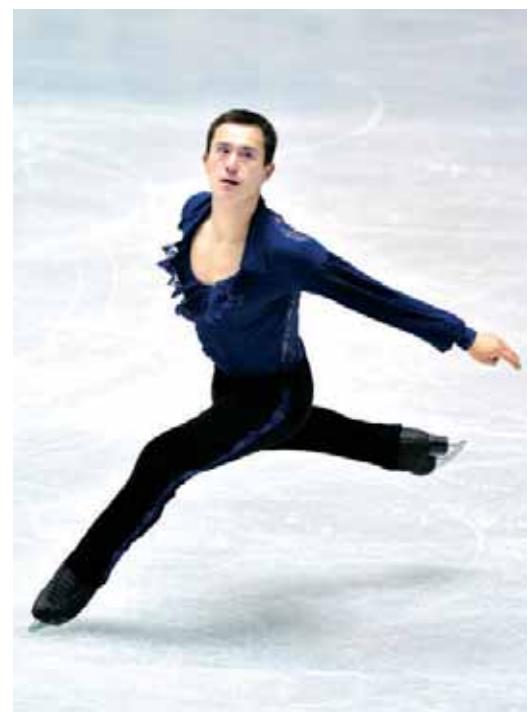
to seek help from mixed martial arts. The two sports have been intertwined since the Octagon was conceived.

Former collegiate and international wrestlers such as Randy Couture, Chuck Liddell, Dan Henderson, Chael Sonnen and Jon Jones have provided mixed martial arts with combat-ready athletes who used their skills honed on the mats to blossom into stars. Bellator CEO Bjorn Rebney called wrestling the "single most important feeder system" for mixed martial arts.

But while the UFC and Bellator are raking in revenue, wrestling has been forced to re-examine itself or face dire consequences.

"When we heard it was being yanked from the Olympics, I said, 'It needs to be more fan friendly. It needs to be more exciting,'" White said.

Wrestling officials have reached out to White, Rebney and others to figure out how to get there. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Chan on top in Japan

Patrick Chan competes in the men's short program during Day 1 of the ISU World Team Trophy Thursday in Tokyo. The three-time world champion led after the opening day, finishing with a score of 86.67 points despite an early fall. ATSUSHI TOMURA/GETTY IMAGES

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	62	16	.795	—
y-San Antonio	51	27	.654	11
y-Indiana	49	29	.628	13
x-Brooklyn	46	32	.590	16
x-Chicago	43	35	.551	19
x-Atlanta	43	36	.544	19
x-Boston	40	38	.513	22
x-Milwaukee	37	41	.474	22
Philadelphia	31	47	.397	31
Toronto	30	48	.385	32
Washington	29	50	.367	33 ^{1/2}
Detroit	27	52	.342	35 ^{1/2}
Cleveland	24	54	.308	38
Orlando	20	59	.253	42 ^{1/2}
Charlotte	18	60	.231	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	57	21	.731	—
y-San Antonio	57	21	.731	—
x-Denver	54	24	.692	3
y-L.A. Clippers	52	26	.667	5
x-Memphis	53	25	.679	4
x-Golden State	45	33	.577	12
x-Houston	44	34	.564	13
L.A. Lakers	42	37	.532	15 ^{1/2}
Utah	41	38	.519	16 ^{1/2}
Dallas	38	40	.487	19
Portland	33	45	.423	24
Minnesota	29	49	.372	28
Sacramento	28	50	.359	29
New Orleans	27	52	.342	30 ^{1/2}
Phoenix	24	55	.304	33 ^{1/2}

x = clinched playoff berth

z = clinched conference

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 118 New York 111 (OT)
Oklahoma City at Golden State
FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Portland, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
y-Pittsburgh	41	31	10	0	0	138	101	62
x-Montreal	40	26	9	3	2	127	95	57
Washington	41	22	17	2	0	123	113	46
Boston	40	26	10	2	2	114	87	56
Toronto	40	22	13	0	5	123	112	49
Ottawa	40	20	14	2	4	99	89	46
NY Islanders	41	21	16	3	1	119	121	46
NY Rangers	40	20	16	0	4	99	96	44
Winnipeg	42	21	19	0	2	109	123	44
New Jersey	40	15	15	3	7	96	111	40
Buffalo	41	16	19	2	4	107	127	38
Philadelphia	40	17	20	1	2	108	125	37
Tampa Bay	40	17	21	0	2	127	122	36
Carolina	40	16	22	1	1	103	129	34
Florida	40	13	21	5	1	98	139	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
x-Chicago	39	30	5	0	4	129	83	64
Anaheim	41	27	9	2	3	124	103	59
Vancouver	40	23	11	1	5	109	96	52
San Jose	40	21	12	3	4	101	100	49
St. Louis	39	23	14	1	1	109	98	48
Los Angeles	40	22	14	1	3	115	101	48
Minnesota	40	22	16	1	1	103	100	46
Detroit	40	19	15	3	3	101	104	44
Phoenix	40	18	16	2	4	108	107	42
Dallas	39	19	17	2	1	109	118	41
Columbus	40	17	16	3	4	95	104	41
Edmonton	40	16	17	4	3	102	111	39
Nashville	41	15	18	2	6	96	110	38
Calgary	39	14	21	1	3	103	138	32
Colorado	40	13	22	4	1	94	125	31

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 3 Philadelphia 1
NY Islanders 2 Boston 1
Washington 3 Carolina 1
Pittsburgh 6 Tampa Bay 3
San Jose 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
Montreal 5 Buffalo 1
St. Louis 2 Minnesota 0
Winnipeg 7 Florida 2
Colorado at Los Angeles
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
NY Rangers 3 Toronto 2 (SO)
Boston 5 New Jersey 4
Phoenix 3 Edmonton 1
Vancouver 4 Calgary 1
Colorado 4 Anaheim 1
FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	5	4	.556	—
Boston	5	4	.556	—
New York	4	4	.500	1/2
Tampa Bay	4	5	.444	1
Toronto	3	6	.333	2

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	6	3	.667	—
Detroit	5	4	.556	1
Chicago	4	5	.444	2
Minnesota	4	5	.444	2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	2/2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	7	2	.778	—
Texas	6	3	.667	1
Seattle	4	6	.400	3/2
Houston	3	6	.333	4
Los Angeles	2	6	.250	4/2

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 11 Toronto 1
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland (ppd.)
Baltimore 3 Boston 2
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Texas at Seattle
FRIDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 0-0) at Cleveland (Masterson 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gonzalez 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-0) at Boston (Doubroont 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 0-1) at Minnesota (Worley 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 1-0) at Kansas City (Mendoza 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Schoen 1-0) at Oakland (Colon 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Norris 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 2-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 7 Chicago Cubs 6
Washington 7 Chicago White Sox 4
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego
FRIDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern
San Francisco (Cain 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 0-0) at Washington (Detwiler 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lannan 0-0) at Miami (Nolasco 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lesse 0-0) at St. Louis (Miller 1-0), 8:15 p.m.
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

If someone questions your motives or authority today, you must make it clear to them that you are the boss and you will do as you please. Say it nicely, of course, but make sure they know that you mean it.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Certain people seem to believe you exist solely to look out for their interests. Now is the time to remind them you have needs of your own and that they must come first — always.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may want to explain your actions to loved ones, though chances are they won't understand so why waste the time. Do what you have to do and let them figure it out.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What is the one thing you desire above all? Is there a chance you will get it soon? If not, don't give up. Make your plans then take a step in the right direction and keep going.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets will have you rushing around in all directions today. One moment you'll be going this way, the next you'll be going that way, and half an hour later it will be all change again. Time for a vacation.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Why have you allowed your fears to get the better of you? Whatever your problems, you are exaggerating them to such an extent that it is stopping you from taking action. Believe that things will get better.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It's not like you to get upset over trivial things but you have allowed minor everyday matters to get under your skin. Don't worry, over the weekend you'll find reasons to smile.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What is destined to happen will happen. The sooner you accept that, the sooner you can start turning events to your advantage. Don't dread the future, welcome it.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Pluto begins one of its retrograde phases today, which warns of confusion in your dealings with powerful people. It may seem as if they are being unreasonable but be patient. Everything will be OK.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Whatever you decide to do today, someone is sure to be unhappy about it. But that must not stop you from taking whatever action you think is correct. Remember: You cannot please everyone.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will clash with someone whose way of looking at the world is very different from your own, on the surface at least. Dig a little deeper and you may find you are alike.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

A friend will do something today that you find hard to understand. It may seem as if they are acting irresponsibly but you could also be expecting too much.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Crack
- Actor Matthew
- The Apprenticeship of ___ Kravitz (1959 novel by #43-Down)
- Commotion
- "Dig a ___" by The Beatles
- Gorge village of Southwestern Ontario
- ___-doers
- Sea (body of water in Central Asia)
- Type of vision correction surgery
- French artist, Henri ___ (b.1869 - d.1954)
- "___ la la!"
- Mini-albums, for short
- Hershey's product, for short
- Jaunt
- Lion ___ (Circus performer)
- Each: 2 wds.
- Authentic
- Tip to 'mania'
- Bear in Space
- Up more
- Jeff Lynne's gr.
- Gary ___ (NHL Commissioner)
- 'Emp' ending
- 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother
- Pros and whats?
- Lil' digits
- Shoe part
- Comedian/actor Jay

Down

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- Mr. Boring
- Shaggy creatures of Tibet
- Ballroom dance, with Doble
- Garden items
- Sci-Fi series starring Regina-born actress Tatiana Maslany, "___ Black"
- Clothesline clasp
- Zipper bits
- With much merriment
- Singer/actress Mandy
- Quilt's one-of-some
- Dinnerware (Popular wedding gift)
- Wading bird
- Hair lock
- Kitchen gadget to get the juice out
- Bug
- Author Richler
- Kay's follower
- Wanted Poster person
- City in British Columbia
- Poetic feet
- Signs a contract, colloquially
- Bible-style boats
- Soup vegetable
- Pig in the movies
- Nestle treat
- Mork's greeting, when doubled
- Uno + dos = ?
- Fellow
- Actress Ms. Larter

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	7	4	6	3	9	8	1
1	9	4	5	7	8	6	3	2
6	8	3	1	2	9	7	4	5
7	1	5	2	8	4	3	9	6
2	6	8	3	9	5	4	1	7
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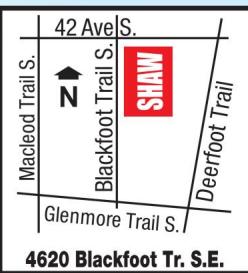
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